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Pudding Pans 2 qt......35
Pudding Pans 3 qt......50
Coffee Percolator 1 qt.....1.25
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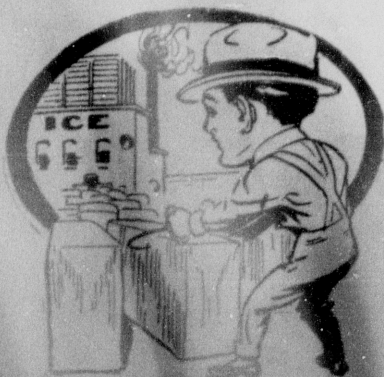
If you don't know anything about the values of clothing, what else have you left to do but to trust to the REPUTATION of the establishment you buy from? We wish that everyone who has never bought their clothes from us would only ask those who HAVE. We are in business here to STAY in business here and we know we can do so only by selling good clothing at honest prices. We ask you to trust us ONCE and to let our goods speak for themselves after that.

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ESSAD PASHA AND HIS ALBANIANS JOIN WITH ITALIANS TO CHECK AUSTRIANS

Our Government Accepted Italy's Statement that Guns on Veron were for Purely Defensive Use and Permitted Italian Steamer to Leave New York, Although Austria had Made Plain Protest.

TWO WERE BURNED IN OKLAHOMA FIRE

PROPERTY WORTH \$100,000 DESTROYED AND ENTIRE BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED EARLY TODAY.

By Associated Press.
Drumwright, Okla., Jan. 29.—Three men were burned to death, a fourth was probably fatally injured and property worth \$100,000 was destroyed in a fire which early today swept the business section of this oil town. The dead are: Mrs. G. B. Wallace, chambermaid; Fred Oldewiler, oil field worker; an unidentified body in fragments. The fire consumed an entire block.

ENDS THE CONTROVERSY.

By Associated Press.
Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 29.—Duke Jeffries and Willard Smith today were acquitted of the charge of preventing negroes from voting by enforcing the grandfather clause. Six others are to be dismissed. This winds up the controversy.

CENTENARY OF GENERAL BANKS.

Waltham, Mass., Jan. 29.—The hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Nathaniel P. Banks will be observed tomorrow by the citizens and officials of Waltham, and representatives of the state and nation. Hobbin boy in the Waltham cotton mills, country editor, lecturer, actor, politician, Governor of Massachusetts, Speaker of the National House, Major General under Lincoln—these were a few of the titles to fame of one of the most versatile men of the past generation.

General Banks was born here on January 30, 1816, of a native American family then in rather straitened circumstances. He was "self-educated" in the thorough sense that so many Americans of the period were.

Among the speakers who will be heard tomorrow are Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and former Governor John Q. A. Brackett. Plans are being completed for the erection of a monument to Banks in Waltham. A statue of Banks now stands on the State House grounds.

Banks became a national figure in 1866, when he was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. This was at the time of the climax of the great Kansas-Nebraska controversy, the issues of which led up directly to the Civil War. For two months the House did nothing but ballot for Speaker. Finally Banks was elected and the abolitionists assumed a dominating influence.

Banks returned to Massachusetts in 1867 to become its Governor, and he held this office for three years. Banks had been one of the founders of the Republican Party, in 1856, and he was given the first honors of the new party in his own state.

When the Civil War broke out, he found Banks engaged in railroad building and organization. But he willingly gave up his career to accept Lincoln's commission as a Major-General. In war as in politics his career was brilliant. After the fall of Vicksburg, he returned to politics and was re-elected to Congress, where he remained until 1877.

By Associated Press.
London, Jan. 29.—Essad Pasha and his Albanians have effected a junction with the Italians in Albania, according to a Rome despatch to Paris today. It adds that he is fortifying Avlona and expects to stop the Austro-Hungarian advance.

Anti-German Demonstration.
Lausanne, Switzerland, Jan. 29.—A riotous anti-German demonstration took place before the German consulate last night, despite the presence of troops, and more than 100 arrests were made. Recent riots called out a battalion of troops to guard the consulate.

Germans Captured Trenches.
London, Jan. 29.—Berlin reports the capture of 1,000 yards of trenches and the village of Fris from the French, northeast of Neuville. Seventeen hundred yards of trenches were taken by storm by the Germans. Paris reports the failure of one of these attacks.

Lansing Denied Reports.
Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Lansing today denied the published reports that the United States had given Germany until February 5 to say whether it intends to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

For Defense Only.
Washington, Jan. 29.—Italy has given assurance that the guns on the liner Verona were for purely defensive purposes and the New York authorities have been directed to let the vessel sail. Austria has asked the United States what course would be taken as to Italian ships bearing such guns.

ENORMOUS FLOOD DAMAGE.

By Associated Press.
Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 29.—The Mississippi river is already ten feet above flood stage and will go higher by February 10 and the Arkansas flood crests will be held back, according to expert predictions here. Enormous damage is being done to this state by floods.

Hundreds Are Leaving.

Newport, Ark., Jan. 29.—Hundreds are leaving the White river bottoms in this section, fearing that the levees will not stand the flood stage predicted for Tuesday here.

Fifty Reported Drowned.

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 29.—Efforts are being made today to penetrate into the flood-swept district below here, where fifty persons are reported drowned late last night. A wall of water thirty feet high poured into the Otay valley, devastating an area fifteen miles long and two miles wide.

YALE MAN WEDS ST. PAUL BEAUTY.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 29.—Miss Mary Glide Griggs of St. Paul, one of the prettiest and most popular of society girls in St. Paul's, will be wedded this evening to John Edward Barbey of Reading, Pa., a graduate of Yale. The wedding takes place in the House of Hope Presbyterian Church at 6.30. Miss Elizabeth Griggs, Miss Mary Withers of Kansas City and Martha Wagner of Tacoma are among the bride's attendants. Leonard C. Hanna, Jr., of Cleveland will be best man, and the ushers will include John Hays Hammond, Jr., the inventor Yale classmates of the groom.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS LOVER OF PEACE

BUT HE TOLD A PITTSBURGH AUDIENCE THAT HE KNEW PEACE COSTS SOME THING.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 29.—President Wilson here today for an address on preparedness reached town early and eluded the crowd at the union station by leaving his special in the suburb. A large crowd heard the president's speech and an overflow address was necessary.

The president was closely guarded by 500 police as he walked from his hotel to the hall. Amid much applause he launched an appeal to the public for national defense.

"I love peace," he said, "but I know that peace costs something." Advocating a more moderate treatment of the subject, he said: "Some counselors are swayed by passion, but it is impossible to guide the national policy under the influence of passion. I would be ashamed of passion or fear."

BOMB EXPLODED.

By Associated Press.
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—A bomb exploded during a lecture at the military school here today, injuring eight persons, two of them seriously.

SHOT OFF ONLY FOOT.

By Associated Press.
Childress, Texas, Jan. 29.—Bert Affleck, who had lost his left foot in a train wreck, today accidentally shot off his other foot while hunting.

ENGINEER WAS KILLED.

By Associated Press.
Houston, Texas, Jan. 29.—Engineer W. Gregory was killed and a baggage man and porter injured today when the Sunset Limited train eastbound for Houston was derailed between Luling and Ivy, Texas.

MCKINLEY BANQUET.

Canton, O., Jan. 29.—Men prominent in the Republican party will come here for the annual McKinley banquet to be given Tuesday evening. The date was changed from today, McKinley's birthday, for the convenience of the orators. Among the speakers will be Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, of Illinois, Governor Willis of Ohio, and Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati.

CARNATION DAY IN HONOR OF MCKINLEY.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The anniversary of the birth of William McKinley is being observed throughout the capital city today. The day has become known as "Carnation Day," when public men and citizens who knew the martyred president were the carnation in his honor. Former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks and Justice Day, president of the Ohio Society of Washington, will be the speakers at the formal memorial exercises.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK

LAREDO, TEXAS

At the Close of Business, Dec. 31, 1915, as rendered to a Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$ 949,434.27	Capital Paid.....\$ 200,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....2,500.00	Surplus Fund.....50,000.00
Real Estate.....18,373.49	Undivided Profits, net.....80,832.22
United States Bonds.....165,000.00	Dividend Payable Jan. 1st, 1916.....10,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities.....6,791.17	Circulation.....150,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....7,500.00	Deposits.....983,255.23
Cash and Exchange.....321,488.51	
Total.....\$1,474,087.44	Total.....\$1,474,087.44

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President.

B. M. ALEXANDER,
Vice-President.

W. W. BROWN,
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PROGRAM:

Paramount picture, "BLACK BIRDS," a photo-drama based on the play in which the illustrious dramatic star, Laura Hope-Crewe, starred a whole season in New York.

Also an Essanay drama featuring John Byron Tetton, "ON THE PRIVATE WIRE."

Tomorrow: Pearl White, George Probert and Sheldon Lewis in "THE KING'S GAME," and other pictures.

PRICES

CHILDREN

5c

ALWAYS

ADULTS

10c

From Friday's Daily. **AN UNLAWFUL INVASION.**

When two soldiers of the Fourth Field Artillery in swimming near Progreso were enticed ashore on the Mexican side and seized by Mexican soldiers, three lieutenants of the battery led fourteen privates across the river in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue their comrades. During the passage of the river four men were drowned. The lieutenants are now to be court-martialed for their unlawful act.

Of course, in the face of the strict orders from the war department prohibiting either officers or men from crossing the boundary line, it is an illegal act. Yet the sympathy of the entire country will go out to the officers, for it was a brave act, particularly in the knowledge that they were disobeying orders in attempting to save the soldiers from captivity.

It seems that the Mexicans offered the two swimmers a drink of mezcal if they would come ashore. Perhaps the temptation was too great, but the men were guilty of a most reprehensible act, particularly as it led to the death of four soldiers and the court-martial of the officers who attempted to rescue them from the consequences of their foolishness.

It is to be hoped that Gen. Alfredo Ricaut will inflict summary punishment upon the soldiers of his command who enticed the Americans ashore and then made them prisoners. It is such acts as that which deserve the severest reprimand on the part of the Mexican authorities, as they are calculated to disturb the friendly relations between the two countries.

For some time there has been bad feeling between the inhabitants of both sides of the boundary at Progreso. It was there that much of the recent sniping was done, and the return fire of the Americans was believed to have caused many Mexican casualties.

The civilians on the Texas side are bitter against those across the river who caused them so much apprehension by their unwarranted shooting into Texas, and perhaps those on the Mexican side are equally bitter.

At any rate, there was nothing to justify the Mexican soldiers in arresting the men, knowing that they had not come ashore for any illegal purpose, but on the contrary on the express invitation of the Mexicans.

What particular object the Mexicans had in mind, unless it was the humiliation of the American soldiers, is not clear. They must have known that Gen. Ricaut or his subordinates would immediately order the men released, which in effect was what occurred as soon as the matter was brought to the attention of Gen. Ricaut's second in command.

This is but another example of the hatred which some of the Mexicans bear for the Americans, despite the repeated attempts of certain Mexican newspapers to show the contrary. Anything which would cause a temporary humiliation to the Americans is eagerly accepted by the bandits masquerading in soldier uniforms.

The trial of the accused officers probably will not result in anything more severe than a reprimand, as their rash act was due merely to a desire to rescue their men, although technically it was a violation of our neutrality, as well as a direct disobedience of orders.

It is not believed that the Mexican authorities will make any complaint of the invasion of their territory, as their own men were guilty of a much greater offense in enticing the American soldiers ashore and then making them prisoners without any reason.

Gen. Ricaut's absence from Matamoros is regrettable, as while the action of his subordinate temporarily in command was prompt, there is great confidence among the Americans, both military and civilians, in his sense of justice and his desire to avoid in every way any chance of disturbing our friendly relations.

We believe that we can look to Gen. Ricaut upon his return to headquarters to mete out strict justice to the guilty parties and to prevent a recurrence of such acts.

FOR AMERICAN DEFENSE.

The American Defense Society was so ill advised as lately to invite the editor of The Fatherland, the organ of the German Empire in the United States, to become a member of its publicity committee. The result was a long-winded correspondence, in which the German editor—who claims to be an American citizen—declined to become a member of the committee on the ground that the program for preparedness did not include a plan for defense against Great Britain, but only against Germany or Japan!

The editor of American Defense, the official organ of the society, told Mr. Viereck, the German editor above mentioned, that at the present time the only two possible foes of the United States are Germany and Japan, but added that "this may be

PROGRAM OF CELEBRATION READY FOR COMPILATION

WITHIN SHORT TIME AFTER
VARIOUS COMMITTEES NAMED

Three of the Committees Named
Have Practically Done Their Work
and Prepared to Say "Ready."

As soon as the executive and various sub-committees of the Washington Birthday Anniversary organization get down to work after their appointment it is proposed to outline a program of festivities for the big event next month that will surpass anything of the kind ever held here and prove beyond a doubt that for celebrations of the kind Laredo is pre-eminently entitled to the prize.

Action in the appointment of the various committees have been deferred on account of the absence of the executive chairman from the city, but the principal committees, the soliciting and carnival committees, were appointed several weeks ago and immediately undertook the work devolving upon them, with the result that at this time the soliciting committee is prepared to make a most auspicious report, while the carnival committee has closed a contract for the securing of the necessary tented and other carnival attractions which will hold forth here during the time before, during and after the celebration dates.

The committee appointed by the Laredo Fire Department to arrange all negotiations for the hose races here next month between Laredo and visiting teams, has been approved by Chairman Netzer and he has named the same committee as the firemen's celebration committee. This committee, upon appointment by the fire department on January 7, immediately set to work and on January 10 the mail carried out lengthy letters to twenty-eight of the fastest firemen's racing teams in the state inviting them to come here for the races. So far it appears that the teams which are certain to come here are East Austin, West Austin, New Braunfels, Taylor, San Marcos, Victoria, Yoacum and Cuero, while others are still considering the matter.

The committees thus far at work on matters pertaining to the celebration are the following:
Soliciting committee—Geo. R. Page, A. C. Richter, I. Alexander and S. N. Johnson.
Carnival committee—Geo. R. Page, Charles Ross and Robert McComb.
Firemen's racing committee—C. C. Biggio, J. W. Falvela, Carlos Richter, Joe Moser and R. H. Kilsby.

While the military and other committees have not been named by Chairman Netzer, he has practically selected the head of each and advised them of the fact and each chairman is in a way busy attending to his part of the program. As is invariably the case, there are a lot of committees with numerous members, when in fact one or two members on each committee do the work and the others are used only for appearance sake and to make the committee appear big.

The carnival committee has awarded the contract for the securing of the various carnival attractions to M. B. Pletz of San Antonio, and he in turn has already awarded a number of concessions to applicants, insuring the bringing to Laredo this year of some worthy attractions.

Automatically Removes Himself.
By removing his residence from the Fourth to the Third ward, Alderman Joe Moser has automatically vacated his office and now there is a vacancy in the Fourth ward. This will probably not be filled until the April election.

RUN CARS OVER NEW BRIDGE
Slight Delay Encountered When the Change Was Made, But This Was Overcome and Service Resumed.

A little difficulty encountered in diverting the street car traffic to the new route over the new bridge down Lincoln street to the corner of San Enrique Avenue this morning caused slight delay and inconvenience to travelers from the Heights section, but this was overcome in a short time. Cars are now operating over the new route on schedule time.

It was announced today that the work of connecting the line from the corner of Farragut street south on Flores Avenue would begin tomorrow morning, the construction work starting at the Times office corner. It is proposed to have the entire diverted route of the car line in full operation by February 15. As soon as the new and modern street cars arrive they will be pressed into service and will be accommodating sight seeing parties during the celebration.

GOES TO TAKE NEW POSITION
F. A. Thomas Leaves Customs Service and Goes to El Paso, Where He Is Assigned to Immigration Service.

F. A. Thomas, after a service of several years in a clerical position in the Laredo customhouse, and who recently passed a successful examination and was admitted to the immigration service, leaves tomorrow for El Paso, where he has been instructed to report for assignment to duty.

Mr. Thomas has not been apprised of where he will be stationed after being assigned in El Paso. His family will join him after he takes up his immigration duties in his new field.

"GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY."
You have a boy in your home. You send him to school, he goes to the picture show, and to Sunday School, but does not go to church. If Dad would take him to church and sit with him, I think that your boy would think it the real thing. Try it.

Remember the date, Feb. 13.

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS; ELECTION CALLED MARCH 4

BOND ISSUE WILL CALL FOR
\$80,000 FOR NEW SCHOOLS

At Next Meeting of Council Proclamation Goes to Body for Approval and Calling Election.

At the regular meeting of the city council on next Tuesday evening Mayor McComb will submit to that body for approval the proclamation calling for a special bond election on Saturday, March 4, when the property tax-payers of Laredo will vote on the proposition of building three modern and capacious school buildings in the Laredo Independent school district.

The call for the election will specify that the purpose is to decide whether or not a bond issue of \$80,000 shall be voted for the erection of three school buildings, one in the first ward, one in the second ward and one in the fourth ward. The building to be erected in the second ward will be that of a modern and large High School building capable of meeting the present and future needs of the fast-growing scholastic population of Laredo. Of the amount of bonds to be voted about \$40,000 will go towards the erection and equipment of the proposed High School, and with its completion Laredo will have a school building commensurate with its importance to the community.

The call for the special election was asked in a petition presented to the last meeting of the council by the board of school trustees of the city, and in acquiescing to their wish the council expressed themselves as approving a popular demand, for Laredo's school building facilities are very bad and the present high school structure is one of a style that was popular a century ago.

Now Laredo is going ahead in the march of progress at a great rate and on every hand modern and handsome buildings of the latest approved type are going up in all parts of the city, and to be abreast of the times with modern school buildings the bond issue will no doubt meet with unanimous approval at the polls when the election is held on March 4.

WILL KEEP OPEN ON SUNDAY
Both City and County Tax Collector Will Keep "Open Shop" Sunday to Issue Poll Taxes to Late Comers.

Announcement is made by both County Tax Collector H. Ligarde and City Tax Collector de Lachica to the effect that, in order to assist belated applicants for poll taxes, they will keep "open shop" throughout Sunday, and all those calling during that day can secure both poll taxes and exemption certificates.

Within the past three days the rush to pay poll taxes at both the office of the county and city tax collectors indicate the interest that voters manifest in the coming elections, they realizing the fact that before this year shall have passed everything from president of the United States down to constable of this precinct will be elected, while a mayor and set of city officials will likewise be named to serve for the ensuing two years.

Even should a bond election come up, and no matter whether you have your property taxes paid up to the minute, unless you have the poll tax receipts of both city and county, you can not vote. Hence, those who have not got their poll taxes have three more days to comply with the law in order to be enabled to exercise the privilege of an American citizen at the polls.

GETS WIFE FOR DOLLAR.
Dollar day here drew many shoppers from all about the state, but probably the shopper who received the most for his money was Frank Wombacher of Winifred, forty years old, who bought a marriage license for \$1 to wed Miss Jennie Nelson, twenty-six years old, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

They were married by Rev. G. D. Brown of the Methodist Episcopal church, who had reduced his official services to \$1 for that day, and after the ceremony started on a shopping expedition to pick up dollar bargains for their new home—Madison (S. D.) Dispatch St. Paul Press.

The Habit of Taking C.O.D.
With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degs. F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

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TOTAL BRITISH LOSSES DURING WAR ARE A TRIFLE OVER HALF MILLION IS REPORT

Albania Now the Center of War Activities, but Operations are Obscured by Poor Communication with the Outside World, Although Believed They will have Important Effect on Balkan Situation.

COMMUNICATION IS ESTABLISHED AGAIN

CARRANCISTAS REPORT CONTROL OF TORREON-DURANGO SECTION AND MOVE AGAINST BANDITS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 28.—Railroad communication between Torreon and Durango has been restored, according to advices here today. This makes way for the movement of troops against the Villistas and other outlawed bands. The campaign south-east of Durango is progressing and the Torreon country will next be taken up by the Carrancistas, says the report.

TEN PER CENT INCREASE.

By Associated Press.
Passaic, N. J., Dec. 28.—A 10 per cent increase today was granted to 2,600 textile mill workers here.

Struck for Increase.
Beaver Falls, Pa., Jan. 28.—Eleven hundred steel workers today struck for a 10 per cent wage increase here.

LEAVING FOR PITTSBURG.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson early today returned here from New York, where he spoke last night. He will clear up the office work today before leaving on his Middle West speaking tour in the interest of preparedness, beginning tonight at Pittsburg.

HORRIBLE ACT.

By Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 28.—A stranger whose motive mystifies the police yesterday forced acid down the throat of a four-weeks old baby as it lay in a cot on the sidewalk. The baby died today. The mother, Mrs. Charles Clement, had stepped into a store for a moment when the poisoning took place. The brute disappeared.

NAVAL MILITIAMEN MEET.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Naval Militia Association opens its annual convention here today with officers attending from each of the twenty-one states in which the naval militia is an active body. Secretary Daniels will speak tomorrow at the annual banquet, and is expected to urge the extension of the naval militia. There are now 8,068 officers and men enlisted.

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By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 28.—The total losses of the British during the war up to January 9 were 549,000, according to Premier Asquith's official count today. Albania appears to be the center of war activities, but the operations are obscured by poor communication with the outside world. It may have an important effect on the Balkan situation. The Greeks are said to be reinforcing their guards along the Albanian border. The French have occupied the town of Antiphilo on the Asia Minor coast, looking for a submarine base. Berlin reports say that an agreement has been reached between Japan and England for Japanese control in the Far East.

Wants No Armament Carried.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The United States, in asking all European belligerents to make a general agreement so as to square their submarine warfare with principles of humanity and international law, has taken the position that merchant ships should carry no armament whatever.

British Steamer Overdue.

London, Jan. 28.—Grave anxiety is felt here regarding the British steamship Appam, which left Dakar for Plymouth January 11 with 166 passengers and a crew of 134. She is now about seven days overdue. The British steamer Tregantle reports having seen a lifeboat with the name Appam drifting with the bow knocked away.

Labor and the War.

London, Jan. 28.—Organized labor, which yesterday voted overwhelmingly against conscription, today called for a drastic revision of the munitions act to prevent "coercion of labor."

OIL STILL HIGHER.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 28.—Pennsylvania crude oil advanced 10 cents today. The price is now \$2.35. Other grades have conformed.

FLOOD STAGES PREDICTED.

By Associated Press.
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 28.—Flood stages in the Trinity river are predicted for today here. Warnings have been sent out to remove livestock from the bottoms below here.

DENY CORPORATE ACTION.

By Associated Press.
Sulphur Springs, Texas, Jan. 28.—The defendants to the state's ouster suit against six Texas brewing corporations today introduced their testimony. They deny that corporate assets were spent in political campaigns, but state that these contributions were made by stockholders as individuals since 1907.

PISCATORIAL.

A New Englander who is a great angler and whose fish stories are listened to most attentively by his 8-year-old son, recently became a father for the fifth time, another boy being brought by the stork.

The 8-year-old was told of the arrival of this new brother, and he was very curious to see him. The father took the first opportunity to gratify the lad's curiosity. The kiddie gazed at bit of red humanity for quite a while, and then, with great gravity, he looked into his father's face and said:

"Dad, he'd make first-rate bait, wouldn't he?"—Harper's Weekly.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

My office in the courthouse will be kept open on Sunday, Jan. 29, 1913, to accommodate those who wish to take advantage of the privilege, thus avoiding the general rush on Monday, which is the last day for the payment of taxes.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector.

RAILROADERS TALK OF EIGHT HOUR DAY

OFFICIALS DISTURBED OVER WHAT THEY BELIEVE MOST MOMENTOUS MOVEMENT EVER BEGUN.

By Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 28.—Officials of the leading railroads of the United States are considering a plan to organize a general conference committee to negotiate with four brotherhoods of trainmen over the question of an eight hour day which is now being voted on by the men. Never has there been a labor movement of such magnitude, say the officials.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

By Associated Press.
Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Fire last night destroyed a compress here and cotton valued at \$150,000.

BANK FAILED TO OPEN.

By Associated Press.
Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 28.—The Jefferson County Bank, capitalized at \$500,000, failed to open its doors today. The state department will liquidate.

NEW SUPREME JUSTICE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 28.—Louis D. Brandeis of Boston today was nominated for justice of the supreme court by President Wilson. He is to succeed the late Justice Lamar. His name was sent to the senate for confirmation. Brandeis had not been mentioned for the place.

CHICAGO POLICE ACTIVE.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Jan. 28.—More than half of the \$15,000 stolen yesterday from the Washington Park national bank was recovered today by the police, who have arrested thirteen persons, among whom are believed to be the five robbers. The party was taken from a rooming house.

COMET PASSES AROUND THE SUN.

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 28.—Taylor's comet, discovered early last month, and visible through small telescopes in the northwestern skies, will make its passage around the sun today, according to calculations made by Prof. A. O. Leuschner, director of the student observatory here. The orbit of the comet is a very short one, requiring five and one-third years to make the journey to and from the sun. This comet is faint, and may never be visible to the naked eye.

ONE ON FATHER.

"Wa'al, son," said old Father Peavay, as he glanced at his son's first painting. "I'm proud on ye, all right, and there hain't no denyin' that your picture does look suthin' like suthin' I've seed in nater, but honest Injun, Jib, d'ye think that old caow ye've got broun' around down in the corner there'd ever give down any milk?"

"Sure I do, Dad," said the Roob Rubens. "At least, I think she would on this farm of yours, anyhow, for you see, Dad, that caow, as you call her, isn't a caow at all, but a water tank!"—New York Times.

Deputy Grand Matron Coming.

Mrs. Nina M. Dowdy of Hondo, deputy grand matron of the Fifth Texas District of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, will arrive in Laredo tomorrow afternoon and hold an afternoon session at 3 o'clock and an evening session at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall.

TIMES WANT ADS.
\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

From Thursday's Daily.

WILL ERECT HANDSOME HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Applewhite Purchase Lot From Mrs. Mowry and Prepare for Erecting Home.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Applewhite this morning purchased from Mrs. M. B. Mowry lot No. 5, in block No. 143, corner of Farragut street and Santa Maria Avenue, or opposite the Fish home. The consideration was \$2,000.

This morning immediately after the closing of the deal for the Mowry property the contract for drawing the plans and specifications for a handsome two-story, six-room house was awarded to M. S. Ryan, the architect. As soon as possible work of construction on the dwelling will begin and Mr. and Mrs. Applewhite expect to move into their new home the latter part of February. The Applewhite home at the corner of Salinas and Farragut street was sold to Judge Hal Greer.

A VARIED LOT OF EXPORTS

List Included Corn, Cartridges, Cotton Cloth and Shoes, and They Went to All Parts of Mexico.

The list of exportations through this port to Mexico yesterday represented a variegated lot, including things from a pair of shoes to a bushel of corn or a seven-millimeter cartridge.

The exports proper through this port to various parts of the republic of Mexico, which were crossed to the other side yesterday afternoon, were the following: 200,000 7-millimeter cartridges for the Carranza army, 15,000 yards of cotton cloth, 4,000 bushels of corn, and 2,000 pairs of shoes, the latter also being for the soldiers of Carranza's army.

AMERICAN LABOR BRINGS HAPPINESS.

Danbury, Conn., Jan. 27.—The spectre of disaster, which has hovered for years over the homes of the hat workers of Danbury, threatening the modest savings of years and the confiscation of their homes, has gone forever. Today, while a million American workmen are giving the wages of one hour's labor to the fund which will pay the score of the law, the Danbury hatters are happy again. It is a real thanksgiving that pervades the town.

No labor case in the history of the country has the human interest of the Danbury case. During the dozen years that the United States courts considered its many features, the small fortunes of 240 hat-workers hung in the balance. Many of the men who were sued by their employer were aged, and more than a few have died during the long contest.

Fifteen years ago, the hat-makers of Danbury went on strike. The men went out orderly and there was no violence. A boycott was declared against the product of the factory of D. E. Loewe & Co. This weapon had long been used in labor struggles, but in the case of the hatters there were important consequences involving the right of right of boycott and the interpretation of the Sherman law. In 1908 Loewe brought suit against 240 members of the hatters union claiming damages of \$250,000. Up and down through the federal courts this suit has gone, culminating in a decision last year by the United States Supreme Court, confirming the liability of the hat-workers.

The amount which the workers must to D. E. Loewe & Co. is \$240,000 and labor leaders predict that much more than this amount will be contributed by union men today. Bank accounts of the hat-workers to the amount of nearly \$100,000 now under attachment, will be released, and the homes of the workers, valued at \$80,000, will also be relieved of the attachments placed on them by the United States marshals.

No one in Danbury is more happy today over the spirit displayed by American workmen toward the Danbury hatters than Mr. Loewe himself. Many of the men he sued in the heat of the strike battle had been his friends. They had worked at the bench with him, and were glad to work in his factory when he organized it. These life-friendships have never been broken, even though savings and homes were in danger. The hatters have no bitter feelings against the man who in name only beat them in the courts. The hatters realize that their boycott and the suit resulting were issues that were taken up as test cases of national importance. The court fight resolved itself into a battle between the Anti-Boycott Association, composed of manufacturers, and the American Federation of Labor.

And the result of the fight fell in name only on the hatters who began the boycott many years ago in Danbury. Yet the law's decree knew no mercy, and the homes and savings bank accounts were promptly attached for the satisfaction of the obligation.

ELECT KENNEY PRESIDENT OF HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

CAMPAIGN IN ALL OF VALLEY TO BE VIGOROUSLY WAGED

Two Hundred Delegates Attend Meeting at San Antonio Convention; Delegation to Go to Washington.

Joseph W. Kenney, secretary of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, was elected president of the Rio Grande Military Highway Association at the meeting of delegates at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio yesterday, succeeding Judge Mason Maney of Pearsall. M. J. Slattery of Brownsville was elected vice-president and S. A. Pipes of Mission, the former secretary and treasurer, was re-elected. Owing to necessity of the permanent secretary to leave the meeting, J. Guy Burr served as temporary secretary, reporting the convention. Messrs. Burr and Mackin, who also attended the convention took an active part in the discussions, Mr. Mackin urging incorporation.

Upon his election as president Mr. Kenney responded with an address outlining the campaign to be waged for the highway resolution. The meeting was attended by about two hundred representing the entire border country and communities north as far as San Antonio and Crystal City. A spirited session was held and all of the cities and towns of Southwest Texas are strengthening the organization in a concerted movement to aid Senator Sheppard in effecting the passage of the Military Highway Resolution at this session of Congress.

The principle upon which the campaign will be waged is the imperative need of this highway extending from Brownsville west along the border and through Laredo as a necessary measure of military protection and a part of our plan of national preparedness.

It was the sentiment of the convention that had the Government had this highway the recent bandit outrages in the lower Rio Grande country could have been immediately controlled. As it is the people of all that section, in the impenetrable chaparral are at the mercy of bandits with the result that farmers are unwilling to expose their families to such dangers and are leaving the country, and that section has received a serious blow.

The claims of Southwest Texas will be based upon the considerations of humanity and the need of protection of the lives and property of our people, that while the Government is protecting the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts our border should not be left defenseless, and especially in view of the fact that that section is the most exposed to danger. The highway would afford the best of facilities for the quick movement of troops to any point.

At the same time the military highway will serve the immigration service, the customs service, the postal service and while it will be invaluable to the farmers and residents of all of the cities and towns in many ways the identity of this movement is to be held separate and distinct from the general class of good roads agitation.

The convention voted to authorize delegations to go to Washington at an early date and press the association's claims upon the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate, upon the War Department and other departments of the federal government. Brownsville has pledged either two or three delegates, Rio Grande City, San Benito and Mission will work in a general arrangement to send delegates, Eagle Pass will respond and action will be expected from Laredo in conjunction with the others.

Mr. Kenney appointed representatives in all of the Texas cities and towns interested in the highway to serve on a general committee and also was instructed by vote of the convention to wire Senator Sheppard asking that arrangements be made for the representatives of the association for a conference at Washington.

DOCTORS GO TO MEXICO

Three Physicians From New York With the Rockefeller Foundation Movement, Will Fight Typhus.

The first movement in the campaign of the Rockefeller foundation of New York in the fight on typhus in Mexico was made today, when a delegation of three New York physicians, Drs. Carlos Ross, Peter Kolitsky and George Baer of Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, left here for Aguascalientes, Mexico.

With them they had a hundred tubes of typhus vaccine, which they will experiment with in Mexico.

OTHERWISE EMPLOYED.

"Do your children ask you a lot of questions?"

"They used to," replied Mr. Blig. "But now they're too busy teaching their mother and me the latest dances."

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeld Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Ladies Card Club will meet at the Ninth Infantry at half after two o'clock in the afternoon. The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained by Mrs. Jos. Brewster at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. will meet at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary will meet at the rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon. The Laredo Choral Club will meet with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon. Complimentary return hop by the young men of the Latin American Club in the club rooms in the evening.

The Garret.

Let us be gone—the place is sad and strange—
How far, far off, these happy times appear;
All that I have to live I'd gladly change
For one such month as I have wasted here—
To draw long dreams of beauty, love and power,
From founts of hope that never will outrun,
And drink all life's quintessence in an hour,
Give me the days when I was twenty-one.

—W. M. Thackeray.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanderson Muliken returned to Monterey today, after a pleasant visit to Captain and Mrs. Ryan at Fort McIntosh.

Mrs. J. W. Thompson went to Dolores yesterday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John Loftus.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, after spending a few days as the guests of their cousin, Mrs. J. Vidales, expect to leave today for their home in Maine.

Mrs. Arthur Claude Hamilton will leave Friday for San Antonio, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Charles Zilker.

Dr. May Foster, who has been practicing in Austin nearly two years, is arranging to return to her home in Laredo and look up a practice left by a retiring osteopath there, with a view to locating in her home town. Dr. Foster practiced in Monterey, Mexico, two years before coming to Austin and left an equipped office and good practice there. She was in Monterey when Madero was killed in Mexico City. Mexico was in such a turmoil at the time that all communication from Monterey with the United States and Mexico, both by wire and railroad, was cut off and the Monterey people did not know of Madero's death until a few days later, when hand bills were distributed in the city telling of the murder. The first road opened to the United States from Monterey was by way of Matamoros and Brownsville. A great many Americans took advantage of coming to the States on the first train. The burned bridge had been cribbed over and opposite each bridge a dead Mexican was hanging to a telegraph pole and he was supposed to be, by the opposing faction, one of the bridge destroyers. Below each body as it hung limply on the telegraph pole was a crude sign which prohibited anyone from cutting down the body or that one would meet the same fate. The Mexican conductor took pleasure in calling the attention of the travelers to these human signs.—Austin American.

The Rose Cabaret to be given at the Elks Hall on Tuesday evening promises to be one of the most entertaining affairs ever given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, for there will be a bevy of pretty girls, the Russian ballet, which will be brought here at a great expense, good things to eat served by entrancingly beautiful waitresses, dances of every description and decorations of unusual beauty to say nothing of the Ninth Infantry band. It will be a brilliant gathering of Laredo's society people, with the army well represented.

Announcement.

Miss Elizabeth Merriman will entertain at bridge on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, honoring Miss Bess Goldmann of Austin.

Henry DeChavanne.

A beautiful wedding of yesterday was that of Miss Blanche DeChavanne and Mr. William Henry, which was solemnized at St. Augustine Cathedral

at five o'clock in the afternoon. Reverend Father Jose Coma officiating, the double ring ceremony being performed. The church was most artistically decorated in white blossoms and ferns. The maid of honor, Miss Marie Henry, entered first, followed by Mrs. Charles Shiner, the matron of honor. Both were lovely in gowns of white chiffon draped in bridal illusion with court trains of turquoise velvet, and carried leghorn hats swung on the arm with turquoise ribbon and filled with pink carnations. The bride entered on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Charles Tannenbaum, who gave her in marriage, and was met at the chancel by the groom and his best man, Mr. Samuel Alexander. The bride wore an exquisite gown of white pussy willow taffeta, with draperies of silk shadow lace caught up with tiny sprays of orange blossoms; the illusion veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms and fell to the end of the long train. She carried a lovely shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and ferns, tied with white tulle. Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception followed at the new home of the Mr. and Mrs. Henry, on Juarez Avenue. The reception rooms were prettily decorated in roses and ferns, and the dining room where a buffet supper was served was in green and white. The table was laid in handsome lace and had as a centerpiece, the wedding cake, which was encircled with long sprays of trailing fern, and tulle. The electroler was clouded with white tulle. The many beautiful wedding gifts displayed in another room attested the popularity of the bride and groom.

Entertainments.

The members of Christ Church Parish Guild were pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Clara Nelson. This was a social meeting as well as a farewell party to Mrs. H. A. Clark, who leaves shortly for the Philippines, and who is one of the most faithful workers in the Guild. Conversation and a guessing contest made the time pass very quickly. Mrs. W. MacGregor being awarded a dainty handkerchief as the successful contestant. A delicious two-course luncheon was served, consisting of creamed lobster in ramekins, olives, wafers, coffee, ice cream, cake, and bonbons. The dining table was beautiful, with its centerpiece of pink La France roses, Killarney buds and ferns in an art basket, with a fluffy tulle bow on the hand. The electroler was veiled in pink tulle, which cast a rosy glow over the whole. The Guild presented Mrs. Clark with a pretty gold brooch, a token of esteem and of appreciation for the earnest work done in their midst. The personnel included Miss Amanda Allen, Mesdames Elmer Anderson, Puster, Arthur, Arkles, Dear, Clark, Cook, Nye, MacGregor, Woodman, Kehl and the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. B. Arthur Wednesday, February second, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Club Notes.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club held an interesting meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John H. Davis. The subject for study was the life, character and works of the modern opera composers—Debussy and Mascagni. Mrs. J. W. Brewster was leader and brought out in an interesting manner the peculiarities and style of the two composers with brief stories of their most important operas. It was decided by the club that they bring to Laredo two lecturers from the State University, this for the benefit not only of the members but of all who are interested in musical and literary culture. Miss Faith Garnsey of Kansas City very graciously favored the club with two delightful voice selections. This courtesy was much appreciated and Miss Garnsey will long be remembered for her pleasing voice and sweet unassuming manner. The program was rendered as:

Responses—Current Musical Events. Life and Works of Debussy and Mascagni. Mrs. J. W. Westbrook Voice. Miss Faith Garnsey Ultra-Modern Impressionistic School of Music. Mrs. Hall Leader's Talk. Mrs. Brewster Victrola Selection from Cavalleria Rusticana and other operas.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held a very enthusiastic business meeting yesterday afternoon at the church. Local matters were up for discussion and were satisfactorily disposed of. Mrs. Wilson led the devotional exercises. There will be an interesting missionary program for the next meeting, which will be at the church, Wednesday, February second. The members present were Mesdames Wilson, Buenz, Barr, Burnett, Lockwood, Guinn, Mims, Evans and Thompson.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

BRITISH GUARDING ARABIAN END OF SUEZ CANAL MENACED NOW BY TURKS AND ARABS

Berlin Reports that Repeated Attacks by Moslems are Making Heavy Inroads on British Lines of Defense and that English have Lost Heavily Up to End of December Despite Great Number of Forces.

DECOYED AMERICANS BY OFFERING DRINK

TWO PRIVATES IN SWIMMING AT BROWNSVILLE TAKEN IN BY MEXICANS AND LATER RELEASED.

By Associated Press. Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 27.—Privates William C. Wheeler and Biggo Pederson, who yesterday were captured while swimming in the Rio Grande and taken into Mexico by a band of Mexicans, were returned here today by the Carranza authorities. They had been given Mexican clothing. The case of three lieutenants who led fourteen privates into Mexico following the capture of the Americans will be decided by court-martial. The bodies of four soldiers who were drowned were not recovered.

Wheeler and Pederson were decoyed to the Mexican side by a promise of a drink of mezcal by Mexicans who appeared on the bank of the river. The soldiers, immediately on reaching the undergrowth, found themselves surrounded by soldiers. They were taken to Rio Bravo last night and held in jail until midnight, when they were put on a train and sent to Matamoros, opposite here. The Mexican commander this morning turned them over to American Consul Johnson.

WILSON REFUSED ENDORSEMENT

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 27.—President Wilson today, addressing 200 suffragists, refused to endorse the national suffrage movement, saying the question should be left to the states. He will speak here tonight on preparedness.

ST. PAUL'S WINTER CARNIVAL OPENS.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—A ten-day Winter Carnival is under way today, in which devotees of the sports of ice and snow will join, Canadians and Americans coming from far and near for the fun. Tobogganing, ski-jumping, snow-shoeing, and curling, skating and hockey-matches will keep the fun at its height. Brilliant illuminations will make the nights spectacular. An ice fort will be lit up by fire works, and as a climax, the fort will be stormed under colored lights.

SUIT ATTACKS U. S. IRRIGATION IN WEST.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The District Supreme Court will take up tomorrow the suit brought by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, involving the right of the United States to reserve in land grants an easement in favor of the government, by which it may dig ditches in connection with the general irrigation system in the West. The railroad points out that its right to a patent for the land is admitted, but that under a recent ruling of the Interior Department, Secretary Lane is reserving in land grants a right to enter and dig canals and ditches if necessary for irrigation purposes. The railroad says there is no legal authority for such reservation, and that it would burden the title to the land so much as in many cases to render it unsalable. Secretary Lane has been to appear tomorrow in answer to the suit for mandamus.

Will Make Homes in Laredo.

Mrs. M. A. Galbreath, aunt of Drs. O. J. and A. T. Cook, has disposed of her farm interests in the Asherton country and with her sister, Mrs. Cook, mother of the two doctors, will move to Laredo shortly to make their home. They will be most welcome to Laredo and it is hoped will remain permanently.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work Ring up 43.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 27.—British troops in southern Arabia, of which Aden is the headquarters, are reported in a dangerous position by a despatch today to Berlin from Cairo. Repeated attacks by Turks and Arabs are making heavy inroads. Fifteen thousand British had been killed and 20,000 wounded up to December 30, according to the despatch. Twenty thousand British are stationed in the city of Aden. Fresh attacks on the French today netted German gains of more than 500 yards of trenches, says the Berlin official statement.

Report Was Untrue.

Tokio, Jan. 27.—Yesterday's London report of new Japanese demands on China was untrue, says the foreign office.

English Parliament Adjourned.

London, Jan. 27.—King George today adjourned parliament until February 15. "We will not lay down our arms until we have vindicated our cause," said the royal decree.

Franz Josef Worse.

Rome, Jan. 27.—Emperor Francis Joseph is rapidly growing worse. He has been ill for several days, according to advices in Vatican circles today.

Labor Opposes Conscription.

Bristol, Eng., Jan. 27.—A resolution protesting against conscription in any form was passed today by the Labor Congress, England's national workmen's organization, by a vote of 1,797,000 to 219,000. This calls upon the national labor party to carry out the opposition. The conscription bill has passed both houses of parliament and is now up to the king to sign.

HELD UP OFFICERS AND ROBBED BANK

FOUR MASKED MEN TOOK \$12,000 FROM CHICAGO BANK AND ESCAPED IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Four masked bandits today took \$12,000 from the Washington Park National bank early today and escaped in an auto. They threatened the lives of J. Garland Stahl, the baseball magnate and vice-president of the bank, and other officers.

NATIONAL REALTY MEETING TODAY.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The executive committee of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges opened its midwinter meeting here today, to consider matters of national importance and to arrange for the big convention at New Orleans in March. National taxation will be one of the topics of today's meeting, and tomorrow consideration will be given to the railroad appraisals which the Interstate Commerce Commission are conducting. The committee will be banqueted tonight by Washington realty men, and a number of Senators and Representatives will speak.

"GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY."

Yes perhaps it is a kind of a fad. It seems that everybody is doing it. They did it in the big cities of the East. San Antonio did it, so did Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and others. Laredo is a little behind, but she is on the way. It will be Sunday, Feb. 13. Every man, woman and child in town at the church of their choice on that day.

Remember the date, Feb. 13.

HEAVY RAINS DID ENORMOUS DAMAGE

NO CASUALTIES REPORTED, BUT COLD WAVE EXPECTED TO-NIGHT MAY CAUSE MORE DAMAGE.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 27.—Heavy rains generally over Texas and the Middle West yesterday and last night did much damage, but no casualties were reported today. The report that three persons were drowned last night at McAlester was erroneous. A cold wave today is expected in the Panhandle and West Texas. The Panhandle may have zero weather to-night.

WENT INTO DITCH.

By Associated Press.

Salinas, Okla., Jan. 27.—Southbound Iron Mountain train No. 105 went into the ditch near here early today. A combination mail and baggage coach burned and the engineer and fireman were injured, although not fatally.

BAREFOOT IN ALASKA.

By Associated Press.

Seward, Alaska, Jan. 27.—School children are going barefoot and no snow has fallen this winter at Sanak, Alaska, according to advices reaching here today by the mail steamer Dora.

GOETHALS COMES HOME TO AID CANAL PLANS.

Panama, Jan. 27.—Maj. Gen. George Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone, leaves today for Washington, where he will appear before congressional committees regarding the conditions at the canal, and make his recommendations on the fortifications needed to protect the big water-way.

GEORGIA OLD TIMERS FIDDLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Atlanta, Jan. 27.—Fiddles of all makes and sizes, emitting every kind of a noise from a wheeze to a sonata began a 4-day grind at the Auditorium today. The Old Time Fiddlers of Georgia are in session, and the annual championship is to be awarded. From every county has come at least one of the old timers, and there is keen competition, so keen, in fact, that the judges expect to have a hard time of it before Saturday night.

NORTHERNER AGED 79, WEDS SOUTHERN COUSIN, AGED 41.

Conway, S. C., Jan. 27.—An interesting wedding takes place here today, when Miss Harriette M. Hanson, a Conway school-teacher, aged 41, becomes the bride of her cousin, Richard M. Sturtevant, a wealthy Massachusetts man, and the heaviest taxpayer in Somerville, Mass. The groom is 79 years old, and he has watched his cousin grow up from infancy. His wife and relatives have died, and on a trip South, the lonely and aged man visited Conway, where his cousin was teaching school. Although she loves her teaching and is one of the most popular women in this town, she is giving up her work to become the helpmeet of the wealthy Northern cousin.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

My office in the courthouse will be kept open on Sunday, Jan. 30, 1913, to accommodate those who wish to take advantage of the privilege, thus avoiding the general rush on Monday, which is the last day for the payment of taxes.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector.

From Wednesday's Daily.

AEROPLANE DEFENSE.

A new plan which has been presented to the war department for consideration is to have the entire Atlantic coast patrolled by aeroplanes. The plan contemplates the establishment of hundred-mile zones, with aeroplanes to go out to sea fifty miles and mount to an elevation of 2,000 feet. At this distance and elevation it is believed the coast can be adequately patrolled and the approach of hostile vessels announced in time.

At alternate stations it is proposed to erect a repair station that would be able to handle all the necessary repairs, and carry a full line of the supplies needed for the aviators and their machines.

The cost would not be excessive, as the entire coast line could be covered by comparatively few aeroplanes. The planes are to be supplied with wireless and highpower glasses, and to be manned by an aviator and an observer, one of which would perform the wireless operator.

The work of the aeroplanes has been of greatest value in observation so far during the European war. The success of aerial bombardments is at best problematical, but the information furnished by the aviators has been of the greatest value to the commanders.

With the present cost of aeroplanes, it should not be difficult to secure enough machines for an effective patrol of the coast for a comparatively small amount of money, and the service they would render would be great in proportion to their cost.

Although the aeroplane was invented in this country, and the greatest improvements are the work of American inventors, we are the least advanced of all nations in our use of the heavier than air machines, while we have practically no dirigible balloons.

The Sperry gyroscop has received the commendation of the best foreign aviators as making the aeroplanes safe and dependable, and our manufacturers are making a great number of latest plan biplanes for foreign use. Still, our army and navy has but a few aeroplanes, and those not of the best and latest type.

While we are making our plans for national defense, we should spend some money—not a few thousands, but several hundreds of thousands at least—in equipping both our army and navy with the latest and best aeroplanes. We already have hundreds of aviators, competent and reliable, and the army and navy are training more every month.

The school of aviation which has lately been established at Fort Sam Houston has developed many fliers of ability, despite the lack of the best type of aeroplanes, and with some of the latest models, equipped with the gyroscopes and built with powerful engines, we should be able to take our proper rank in aviation.

The American Legion has listed mechanics of all sorts as being willing to enlist in case of national need, and among them there surely must be some aviators and aeroplane mechanics.

The Aero Club of America is doing all that it can to interest the government in aeroplanes, not because the members are interested in flights, but because the most advanced thinkers realize our need of the air as a means of defense.

With a group of aviators, reporting by wireless to a central station from which the news could be rapidly sent to all the land and naval forces, it would be impossible for a hostile fleet to approach our coasts without some act of defensive warfare on our part. Our coast defenses are declared to be inadequate. We have not enough guns to defend any part of the coast, nor have we gunners enough to man the pieces we have already mounted. In such a case, the co-operation of both land and naval forces would be necessary to repel an invasion, and the only way in which this co-operation could be secured would be through the efforts of the aircraft.

Congress will be asked to take favorable action on this proposition, which seems to us one of the wisest and best calculated yet advanced.

CITY GARDENS.

An effort is being made to interest the children of the cities in the soil, and the movement promises to attain great proportions within a short time. The city boy or girl has not the opportunities that are offered the farmer's children. They cannot join pig or corn clubs, and their activities in agricultural and kindred arts are limited to the raising of city gardens and the canning of home products.

An Austin boy has proved that living in the city does not preclude the activities which the farmer boys have arrogated to themselves because of superior facilities. Billy Minter, a ten-year old boy, worked a garden patch only ten by twenty feet, working in odd hours out of school and on Saturdays, and he made a net profit of \$28.32, the garden costing only \$5 for seed and other expense. This made a net profit of \$1.27 per square yard, and at this rate an acre would produce \$6,148.

The problems that face the city gardener are not those with which the farmer has to struggle, but they are more complicated. To turn every foot of land to use and to have no waste soil is a problem that exercises the ingenuity of the man who has a limited space in which to grow his garden.

Billy Minter has shown that there is hardly any limit to what may be done with a small garden patch, and were some of the "grown-ups" to adopt his methods they would find enjoyment, as well as health and profit.

A popular subject with the newspaper cartoonists is the city gardener who works all summer to produce a single radish or an onion. And if that is all the average city dweller can get out of his garden, he deserves the ridicule of his neighbors.

The soil of Laredo, where not filled with stones and rubbish, will produce anything that can be grown in the United States (and most of what can be grown in Mexico). The few people here who take an interest in their home gardens have produced crops of

the finest vegetables that have ever been seen, and the amount of each crop is something surprising to one who is not familiar with the capabilities of our soil.

We have long dry spells, it is true, but there is plenty of water with which to irrigate, and the cost—only \$2 for 12,000 gallons—is not prohibitive. In fact, the amount of water used will pay for itself many times over if the garden is properly cultivated.

Vegetables bring a good price here, especially in the fall and winter when other sections are eagerly seeking for all that we can ship them. This is the time when a home garden will bring in great returns.

Winter vegetables are considered the best, perhaps because at that time there is a dearth of them elsewhere and those who have vegetables of their own growing appreciate them at their true value.

In a climate like ours vegetables should form an important part of the daily menu. They are nourishing and refreshing, and they do not heat the blood as does meat, while the latter is a costly food article in this section, where food rapidly spoils without ice during the greater part of the year.

Naturally, the freshest vegetables are always the best, and the man who grows his own can always be sure of having the freshest. Lettuce, young onions, radishes, beets, cauliflower and cabbage can always be grown successfully here at times when other sections are covered with snow. And there is a relish to all other food when it is accompanied by fresh vegetables or salads.

The cost of seed and a few necessary garden tools is not great. The amount of labor and time spent on a home garden is not excessive, considering the results. And with a little water each evening at sundown, the results in this wonderful climate and with our marvelous soil will be astonishing to the one who only knows his vegetables as he sees them in the market or in the huckster's wagon.

And if a ten-year old boy can do what Billy Minter did, surely the average grown man can at least equal him.

Villa's former chief of staff has been admitted to this country by the immigration officials. There is no doubt will be a demand for his extradition as soon as the Carrancistas hear of it, but there is nothing on which to base a successful contention for his transfer across the border so long as some of the Carranza murderers of Americans are still at large.

Republican Leader Mann was applauded when he supported the president's preparedness program. Looks like Jim was preparing to come in out of the wet, for he must realize that the most unpopular man in the country will be the one who attacks that program.

Plantations in Vera Cruz that have more than thirty children must build schoolhouses and instruct the children. But as the government is paying the expenses, there will not be any opposition. The only sufferers will be the "maestros" who have to take their pay in Carranza money.

The exports to Mexico during the past year increased nearly three hundred per cent over the report of the preceding year. And if the poor people over there only had some real money, the exports would increase three thousand per cent.

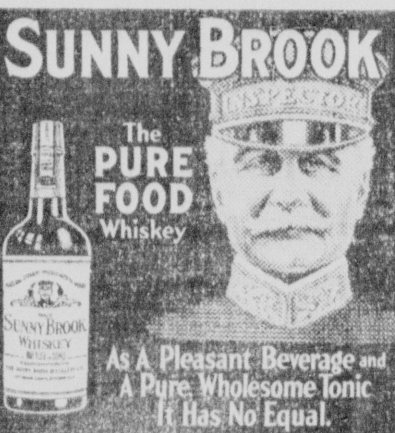
RUSHING WORK ON NEW TRACK

Construction Work of Street Railway Company Will Be Along Flores Avenue Next Monday.

Beginning on Monday morning the construction forces of the Laredo Electric & Street Railway Co., which have been at work extending the track of the street railway from its connection with the new bridge over the Arroyo Zacate to San Enrique Avenue down Lincoln street, will begin the work of laying track along Flores Avenue between Farragut and Lincoln streets.

The diverted route of the street car track on Flores Avenue will extend from Farragut to Lincoln, curving off Farragut at the Times office corner and curving on to Lincoln street at the corner where the new home of the Laredo National Bank is in course of construction. All the new track which has been laid so far is of much heavier steel than the old rails, and as the new street cars now en route here are considerably lighter than the old ones, everything possible will have been done to add to the comfort of patrons of the traction company.

At the rate that the laying of track and installing of the necessary trolley poles and wires is going ahead, the new route of the street railway will be in full service, with new cars accommodating patrons, by February 29, or before the big celebration starts.



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THIS IS MY 61st BIRTHDAY

RT. HON. THOS. M. WOOD.

Rt. Hon. Thomas McKinnon Wood, Secretary for Scotland in the British Cabinet and one of the progressive leaders in Great Britain, is 61 years old today. He was Financial Secretary of the Treasury when Asquith formed his liberal ministry, and in the coalition ministry formed last year, he retained his office. Born in London on Jan. 26, 1855, he was educated in University College, London, and turned his attention to literature. He entered politics in 1892, and six years later was chairman of the Aldermen of London County Council. In 1899 he was made parliamentary secretary of the Board of Education, and secretary in the British foreign office. In 1911 he was appointed financial secretary of the treasury. He holds his seat in Parliament as a liberal member from Glasgow.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.
Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.
Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 1 and arrives at 1:50 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.
Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 2:30 p. m.

BAD BUSINESS.

Beguiled by the attractive working of an advertisement appearing in a trade paper, a trusting investor from the North bought a sawmill in the White River bottoms of Arkansas. When he went down to take over his newly purchased property and to assume its management the recent owner met him at the railroad station and bade him welcome.

As they climbed into the native's buggy to drive through the woods to the spot where the plant was located, the stranger said:

"I wish you'd give me a few hints right off about how to run this business profitably. You see I'm a little bit green at this line. I've been a lumber dealer all my life, but I never undertook to handle the raw material before."

"Well, mister," stated the Arkansas frankly, "I wish I could give you the advice you want, but I reckon I just don't know myself. My father-in-law died and left me this here mill in his will. My two boys helped me to run her and there wasn't no other hands, and so I never had to pay out nothing for wages. I stole all the timber I cut, and my stepbrother, who's the division freight agent for the railroad, used to slip all my lumber out for me so I never had to pay no freight charges—and last year I come out \$2,700 behind."—Saturday Evening Post.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effective for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

JANUARY 26.
1679—La Salle laid the keel of the "Griffin," the first vessel on the Great Lakes.
1737—All prisoners for debt in White-chapel jail, London, were freed and their debts paid out of a fund bequeathed by a wealthy Londoner.
1739—The Batavian Republic established in Holland, under the protection of France.
1823—Died—Edward Jenner, who introduced vaccination.
1837—Michigan admitted to Statehood.
1885—Fall of Khartoum, and death of "Chinese" Gordon.
1887—United States Senate rejected proposal for women's suffrage.
1894—Reconciliation of the Kaiser and Prince Bismarck.
1915—West Virginia Legislature votes to submit woman suffrage constitutional amendment to election of 1916.
1915—Japan makes demands on China for transfer to Japan of all German and Austrian concessions.
1915—THE WAR:
Russians make slight advances in East Prussia. Germany orders all grain to be confiscated. February 1. Big battle between Germans and British at La Basse Canal. Germans penetrate French lines west of Garonne. British armed merchantman Vickers struck mine and sank with all hands. Austrians occupy Kielce, in Russian Poland.

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Webb County, on the 17th day of June, A. D. 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Langford R. Green versus A. J. Bell, H. T. Hansford, E. G. Millikan, C. P. Trailkill and Walter Paper, No. 3508, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in March, A. D. 1916, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Webb County, in the City of Laredo, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain four hundred and one and nine-tenths (401.9) acres of land out of Section No. 233, Certificate No. 1347, Abstract No. 1117, situated in the County of Webb, State of Texas, being all of said section except fifty-four (54) acres in square out of the Southwestern corner of said section, as of record—is manifest, levied on the 18th day of January, 1915, as the property of A. J. Bell, H. T. Hansford, E. G. Millikan, C. P. Trailkill and Walter Paper, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,511.26 in favor of Langford R. Green, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1915.

ANTONIO SALINAS, Sheriff, Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

FOOLED HIM.

An uneducated Scotsman made a fortune. One day he and an acquaintance were talking, when the latter said to old Duncan:

"Say, Duncan, you don't know enough to go in when it rains. Why, you can't even spell 'bird.'"

"Bird," said Duncan.

"I tell you, you don't know anything. Why, if you had to spell to make a living you'd have been dead years ago. I'll bet you a hundred you can't spell 'bird.'"

"I'll take ye," quickly replied Duncan.

After the money was put up Duncan said, "Bird."

"That ain't the way you spelled it the first time."

"I wisna' bettin' then,"—New York Globe.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—As soon as definite information can be obtained as to how many visiting reel racing teams will come here for the celebration next month the firemen's committee will begin arrangements for taking care of their guests and getting accommodations for them. The visiting fireboys will be here about two days.

—City Fish & Poultry Co. City Market. Fish, oysters and all kinds of sausage. Phone 201. 1-19-1m

—The fire queen contest is moving along now at a lively clip, but the end. Keep your favorite in the race at a safe place and when the time comes to make the final effort "vote early and often."

—Ladies', men's and boys' sweaters at reduced prices. Saft. 1-17-tf.

—Good evening, Caesar, have you got that poll tax yet? Surely you are not going to align yourself with Hop Wing or some other of the celestial sons of the flowery kingdom who can not vote. A poll tax in Texas is a part of the "preparedness policy"—prepared to be in a position to exercise your voting privilege at the polls on election days.

—Are you going to San Ignacio or Zapata? Take that Auto Mail and Passenger Service. Leaves Laredo at 8 a. m. and returns by 6:30 p. m. every day except Sunday. Passengers are taken for any intermediate points. Fare 5c a mile, minimum 50c. For any information call at Dodder Store. Extra for baggage. 12-29-1m

—As will be seen from the report published in the Times yesterday giving the figures of Special Deputy Collector of Customs Ed. Cotulla on exports and imports of the past six months through the Laredo district, there was a material increase in both importations and exportations, and this notwithstanding the fact that there was a big dearth of cars to handle the shipments both ways.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf

—The wonderful spectacle presented north of Corpus Christi in the White Point oil field by that monster gasser burning has been witnessed by several Laredo people who have been in Corpus the past week. The great sheet of flame can be seen from house-tops in the seaside city and thousands of visitors from various parts of the state have gone to Corpus to get a glimpse of the spectacular sight.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—The demand for rent cottages in Laredo continues unabated and if parties who have capital to spare and vacant lots on their hands would erect four or five-room cottages thereon they would soon find that they had made a good investment, for the houses would rent quickly and produce a steady income.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—The building boom that has been on in Laredo sometime is not being confined to points on the well traveled highways and streets, but the "ramifications" of the boom reach into the country and off the roads and will necessitate the making or opening of new thoroughfares within a very short time.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—There is very little doing in the district court these days, most of the time being devoted to "windup" of some affairs in connection with civil suits preparatory to adjourning during the coming week.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—Pricklaying on the Laredo National Bank building is progressing fast now, and the brick and hollow fire-clay blocks are being put in place. The building will soon assume the attractive appearance that the plans denote.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times Job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf

INKKLINGS.

A Michigan woman was arrested because she wanted to kiss a railroad brakeman. As a penalty the court ought to make her do it.

There was a time when the office sought the man, but that was away back when people rode high-wheeled bicycles and played croquet.

Another problem in some quarters is the high cost of highballs. But it is doubtful if the franchise would change the outlook generally for a lady who has a wart on her nose.

The co-eds in an Eastern university say they are not going to flirt any more. Probably, however, they will flirt just as much.

A photographer who can't make a homey woman look beautiful might just as well get a job on the section gang or driving a hack.

The Colonel is about the best advertisement the dental profession ever had.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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Death of Mary Scott.

Last night at 11:30 o'clock at the Mercy Hospital, there passed to another world a good old soul, Mary Braunfels Fire Department state that Scott, a negress who was well and all arrangements are being perfected favorably known in Laredo and liked for the annual convention of the State by the white people. Mary Scott was Firemen's Association to be held there the wife of one of Laredo's well known May 9, 10 and 11. Visiting firemen characters, George (Sender) Scott, are to be housed in tents at New and came here with her husband many years ago. As a nurse her ministering hand has alleviated suffering in fireboys will send their racing team many a home, for like the good black there, and it is probable that as the goldenrod in time of need. Several number of Laredo boosters will accompany the local fire squad.

Preparing for Firemen's Meet.

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For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

Goets to Eastern Markets.

A. C. Richter of the One Price Department Store leaves tomorrow for Eastern markets to make his selections of goods for the spring and summer trade of his large establishment. Mr. Richter expects to be absent in the markets until the latter part of February.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothe comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tree-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tree-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.

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SIX MORE DAYS YET REMAIN

Those Not Arming Themselves With Poll Taxes in That Time Will Be Deprived of Voting Privilege.

Six more days remain in which those desiring to exercise the privilege of franchise at the polls in this state during the year 1916 can comply with the law in that respect and be fully-qualified voters—by paying their city and county poll taxes. These must be paid not later than midnight of January 31, and those without the essential receipt after that date are deprived of the privilege of voting at any of the elections to be held this year, except that he is over age or has just become of age since January 31, in which event they are entitled to exemption papers.

However, the indications are at this time that the last few days remaining in which one can pay these taxes will find a lively time in each of the two collectors' offices, and the belief is prevalent now that Laredo and Webb county will have a representative list of full-fledged voters this year. There are several regular elections scheduled for the ensuing year, city, state and national, besides Democratic primaries in July, and there is no forecasting what other special elections may be called, so it behooves all who have an interest in their community to get busy and get out their own poll taxes, if they have not already done so, and urge others to do likewise. Besides being a qualified voter at all elections, a poll tax has the distinction of proclaiming a man a genuine American citizen—chinks and other like beings can not vote.

DISTRICT COURT NEARING END

Civil Cases Continued Yesterday; Criminal Docket Finished; Not a Single Acquittal in 13 Months.

In the district court yesterday afternoon Judge Mullally disposed of two civil cases for the present term, this being done by continuance. One was the damage suit of Gerald Sielski vs. the Laredo Elec. & Ry. Co. and the other the civil case of Mudd Bros. vs. the First State Bank & Trust Co. Both cases were continued until the next term of the district court.

The criminal docket has been disposed of for this term and it is probable that court will adjourn sometime during the coming week. The Webb county term of district court still retains the enviable record of allowing no acquittals at the term now ending. In fact there has not been a single acquittal in the Webb county tribunal since December, 1914, thirteen months.

During the present term of the court there were fifteen convictions for felonies and misdemeanors, and of these six or seven parties drew penitentiary sentences and one a twelve-months jail sentence.

SCOTS CELEBRATE BOBBIE BURNS' BIRTHDAY.

Sweet heather bells and Robert Burns. The moorland flower and peasant, How, at their mention, memory turns Her pages, old and pleasant.

—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER. The years come and go, but celebrations of Robert Burns' birth go on forever. All over the world, wherever Scots gather, January 25 is a gala occasion in the year's calendar, for it was on that date, in a wee thatched cottage near the town of Ayr, that Burns first saw the light. It was then that, to quote Robert G. Ingersoll, "love's sweetest bard was born."

In America, good Scottish-Americans (with apologies for the hyphen, but there are no better or more loyal citizens of the Republic) and their descendants and friends take no back seat when it comes to a question of fittingly recognizing the event. The celebrations will cover the entire week in some cities, so that the enthusiasts may attend several gatherings in honor of the bard.

These Burns celebrations are surely great occasions. Braw lads and lassies galore are there to enjoy the merriment and the dance; the more sedate turn out for the musical feast and to meet the old acquaintances and make new ones. Kilts and tartans are distinctly in evidence, no matter if the weather be a bit chilly. Everybody enjoys the grand old songs and ballads, and the wheeze of the bagpipes. There is probably no poet or writer in the world whose birthday anniversary is made so much of as that of Robert Burns. He was one of the common people, and wrote for them. Though born in humble circumstances and, though poverty dogged him most of his life, there was no poverty in his mental and physical make-up and he gave the Scots a precious legacy.

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PERSONALS

Robert Hazelrigg is in the city from Mexico.

Woodlief Thomas was in the city today from his ranch.

Walter Shiner of San Antonio is in the city.

Judge M. D. Slaton of Llano is a guest at the Hamilton.

J. C. Rhodes returned to the city yesterday from a short business trip to Mexico.

J. W. Kenney and J. G. Burr left last night for San Antonio to attend the Diamond Loop Highway convention.

Mr. William Barton, who was thrown from his wagon by a runaway horse, is slowly recovering from his painful bruises. Fortunately there were no bones broken.

HAMILTON.—J. F. Goodin, San Antonio; E. J. Parker, M. D. Slaton, Llano; Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Eldridge, Rio Grande City; Dr. E. W. Brechau, McAllen; J. H. Clifford, Corpus Christi; E. Carnal, J. A. Kelly, Walter Shiner, San Antonio; E. M. Hamilton, Fred. McLymont, Del Rio; R. O. de Hoyos, H. Deutsch, San Antonio; Carlos E. Husk, Mexico; Peter K. Vherty, New York; H. A. Lodd, El Paso; B. S. Deuzi, I. P. Brant, New York.

BENDER.—J. E. Graf, Risadena, Cal.; E. W. Crane, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jose Rivero, Monterey; R. Willey, Houston; H. Rosenthal, Waco; R. W. Williams, Dallas; J. T. Barlett, Chicago; Alfredo Perez, San Antonio; G. P. Weeks, Mexico; Mrs. G. B. Genebrancy, California; Leslie Payne, San Antonio; R. M. Waterfield, San Antonio; F. B. Van de Trees, Boston, Mass.; O. P. Wandonald, New York; J. I. Brown, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brady, Rapidan, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hapham, Carl C. Adams, B. G. Lane, Edward W. Lane, J. E. O'Neill, San Antonio; B. M. Moon, Chicago; P. L. Cabb, Kansas City, Mo.; Macedonio de la Peña, E. M. Lewis, San Antonio; J. Myers Dresch, Monterey.

IRONY OF FATE.

At the Authors' Club in New York one evening a number of members were swapping stories, when one told a tale, during the course of which he more than once used the term, "the irony of fate."

"That expression," remarked one of his listeners, "may well have fitted the emergency of your story, but I have a better one. Once, down in San Francisco, where I was nearly down and out, I received a money order from home in the sum of \$40, and the only man who could identify me was one to whom I owed \$38."—Lippincott's Magazine.

THREE FOR FIFTY.

"A hotel in Louisville," says the Louisville Courier-Journal, "was operated unlawfully without fire escapes. A fire occurred in which three men lost their lives. The proprietor, pleading guilty to a charge of having operated the hotel in violation of law, is fined \$50. A good deal of explaining has been done, but, explanations notwithstanding, what is the usefulness of State and municipal laws aiming at the protection of hotel guests if three men can be cremated in a hotel operated without fire escapes, and the only thing that can be done about it is to fine a proprietor \$50?"

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Thedford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whittaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

The Tuesday Auction Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. R. L. Sutton at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold a regular meeting with Mrs. J. H. Davis at four o'clock instead of half after three as formerly.

Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will meet at the rectory with Mrs. Charles Cook at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon with Mrs. Abshear as leader.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Wednesday.

Miss Clara Nelson will entertain the Parish Guild of Christ Church at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Penn will entertain the Auction Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold a called business meeting at the Methodist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. Henry Crumpler went to San Antonio on a short business trip on Saturday and returned home yesterday.

Miss Beulah Sharkey came in from El Espada ranch on Friday to spend the week-end.

Miss Annie Jefferies of San Ignacio spent the week-end in Laredo.

Mr. Walter Nye returned to San Antonio Sunday evening after a short stay in the city.

Mrs. A. W. Schmitt, after spending the week-end in Laredo, returned Sunday afternoon to Zapata.

Miss Anita Yeager was the week-end guest of Miss Josephine Sauvignat, returning to Minera yesterday.

Mrs. E. J. Wiggins, accompanied by her son and daughter, arrived in the city Sunday after a several month's visit to her daughter, Mrs. McLaurin, in Spanish Honduras. Mrs. Wiggins will leave shortly for Monterey.

Lieutenant Dwan returned to San Ignacio Sunday afternoon after a short visit in the city.

Miss Katherine Coulter of San Antonio is the guest of Mrs. R. A. Brown of Fort McIntosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopoldo Villegas and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. de la Garza left this morning in Mr. Villegas' automobile for a pleasure trip to San Antonio and points in that vicinity.

Mrs. Honore Ligarde returned home Sunday from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fred W. Single, in Chicago. Mrs. Single accompanied her mother home and will visit here a few weeks.

Will Give Return Hop.

A return hop will be given by the young men of the Latino-Americano Club complimentary to the young ladies on the evening of January 28 in the club rooms.

Club Notes.

Local club women interested in suffrage are asked to remember that the San Antonio Equal Franchise Society is extending a cordial invitation to all interested persons to be with them on Thursday, January 27. The State President, Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham of Galveston, has set for this date a meeting of the Executive Board of the state association. Throughout the day there will be open sessions for all interested in this line of work, with a large general meeting at night, while plans as to be made for extending the work in Texas. The railroad rates will be, approximately, one fare for the round trip. The fare from Laredo is less than one way for the round trip. Mrs. James M. Young is president of the San Antonio association and Mrs. Harvey Steele, secretary.

Music Department Woman's Club. The meeting of the Music Department of the Woman's Club yesterday was a most interesting one. The topic was "Adelina Patti" and the leader for

the afternoon, Mrs. L. M. Wharton. Mrs. Hazelrigg read a sketch of Patti's life, while Mrs. Wharton read some most interesting personal reminiscences, in which Mapleson and Abbey naturally figured very prominently. Miss Dorothy Borchers delighted the Club with her playing of selections from two operas, and Mrs. Anderson closed the program with two arias from Bellini's "La Sonnambula."

Entertainments.

The Girl's Thursday Club was most delightfully entertained on Saturday afternoon by Miss Louise Muller, who was assisted by Mrs. Hal Irby Greer. The rooms were lovely in cut flowers and ferns while the daintily appointed tables had as centerpieces, baskets of violets, with tulle in rainbow shades tied on the handles, while the place cards were hand-painted in corresponding colors. Artificial rosebuds were the favors. A delicious two-course luncheon was served of cold sliced turkey, hot dressing, creamed asparagus on rosettes, combination salad in beet cups, hot biscuit, coffee, congealed pineapple with whipped cream, at the conclusion of which a series of games were played. Miss Elizabeth Mussett scored high and won the club prize, a combing jacket; Mrs. S. M. Barlow won the guest's prize, a hand-painted lemon dish; Mrs. A. U. Loeb cut the consolation, a dainty hand-made rolled paper sandwich basket in pink and white. Those present were: Club members—Misses Marguerite Nelson, Cleo Pereira, Edna Edna Brown, Elizabeth Mussett, Alice Denike; Guests—Mesdames M. T. Cogley, S. M. Barlow, A. U. Loeb, G. C. Woodman, Alphonse Wormser, L. Joseph, Frank Higgins, W. N. Young, W. T. Hill, B. F. Wright, and Misses Bess Goldman of Austin, Elizabeth Merriman, Faith Gamsey of Kansas City, Olive Gray, Mary Sames.

The Monday Weekly Bridge Club was most pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Annie Alexander. After a series of games the club prize, a lovely hand-painted plate, was awarded Mrs. J. B. Morton; Mrs. H. G. DaCamara received the consolation, a set of doilies; and Miss Amar Penn received the guest prize, a pair of silk hose. Among those who enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Alexander were: Mesdames J. B. Morton, Agnes Huberich, C. Jefferies, M. T. Cogley, H. G. DaCamara; Misses Amar Penn, Esther Hirsch, Elizabeth Mussett, Francis Alexander. A two-course luncheon was served.

The Tournament Bridge Club met with Mrs. L. J. Christen yesterday afternoon at half after three o'clock. After the regular series of games a two-course luncheon was served. The members present were: Mesdames C. M. Fish, H. Stow Garlick, J. E. Biggio, C. C. Biggio, J. T. Haisell, G. W. Derby; Guests—Mrs. Robert McComb and Miss Bess Goldman.

The Entre Nous Club met with Miss Vera Lang on Saturday afternoon and a very pleasant social hour was spent, several piano selections adding to the pleasure of the afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served, after which the members were treated to a motor ride, and as the weather was glorious it is needless to add that the young ladies appreciated the outing.

The J. U. G. Club met with Miss Eugenia Lafon on Saturday. The members enjoyed a box party at the Strand Theatre to see Mary Pickford in "A Girl of Yesterday." After the photo play they returned to the Lafon home, where a delicious salad course was enjoyed. The next meeting will be with Miss Zara Vidaurri on Saturday afternoon, February fifth. The personnel included: Misses May Netzer, Ernestina Sanchez, Anita and Esther Sharkey, Vesta Sutton, Sara Vidaurri and the hostess.

Minus an Expert.

Up at Lufkin a few days ago, a case was called for trial, and there were present fourteen attorneys, a judge, three hundred witnesses, two defendants and about a couple of hundred veniremen. But did the case go to trial? Well, hardly. One lawyer was ill—so the whole five hundred people who had assembled for the trial had to return to their several homes—and wait for a future date on which it is hoped that all of the attorneys may be in good health. It doesn't make any difference whether the witnesses and veniremen are sick or well, alive or dead. It wouldn't make any difference if the judge were absent, or even if one of the defendants should happen to croak. But if one of the experts who is playing the game fails to arrive it just naturally busts up the whole evening's entertainment, and all the chips and pawns go back in the check-rack for another wait. And of course, if enough lawyers get sick, and enough continuances are secured most of the witnesses will eventually die, and nothing ever come of the prosecution of the case.—Port Arthur News.

VON DER GOLTZ IS TO COMMAND TURKS IN CAUCASUS AGAINST RUSSIAN LEADER

German Field Marshal is One who Trained Turks to Present State of High Efficiency and is Considered Only Man to Lead Moslems in Their Fight Against the Grand Duke Nicholas in Caucasus.

MUST START SCHOOL IN VERA CRUZ STATE

BY DECREE OF GOVERNOR ALL PLANTATIONS MUST BUILD SCHOOL HOUSES WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

By Associated Press. Vera Cruz, Mex., Jan. 25.—All plantations in the state of Vera Cruz having as many as thirty children on the place shall construct a school house within two months and start a school, according to a decree issued by the governor today. The government pays the expenses.

Admitted Medinaevitia. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 25.—Gen. Medinaevitia, former chief of staff to General Villa at Juarez, today was admitted to the United States by the immigration officials after a three days' hearing.

AMERICAN EXPORTS GROWING.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 25.—American exports grew 70 per cent in 1915, according to an announcement of the department of commerce today. The total is more than three and a half billion dollars, breaking all records.

TO INVESTIGATE LYNCHING.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 25.—A special grand jury to investigate last night's lynching of Will J. Mayfield is expected to be ordered by the district judge at Boston today. None of the party so far is known. Mayfield was hanged after the jailer had been overpowered.

HEAR INJUNCTION CASE TRUST SUIT.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 25.—The order of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, suspending the injunction that had been issued against the United Shoe Machinery Company, comes up for argument today. The matter of injunction is the preliminary skirmish in the government's proceedings against the big shoe machinery company under the Clayton anti-trust law.

The injunction to which the machinery company objects was issued by the United States District Court here in November. It restrained the company from enforcing seven clauses in its contracts with shoe manufacturers. In December, the Court of Appeals suspended this temporary injunction, the machinery company giving bonds in \$100,000 to secure the public against injury as a result of the suspension.

The injunction was aimed specifically at that clause in the contracts which authorizes the company to withdraw from shoe factories any of its machines in case the contract is violated. The court upheld the contentions of the government attorneys, claimed that eight clauses in the contracts are illegal under the Clayton law.

The so-called "shoe machinery trust" claims that the law can only apply to leases made after it too effect, and that if the injunction is extended, it will cause annoyance and damage to the company and to the manufacturers who are its lessees. The judge who issued the injunction declared that the law should be enforced "even if it resulted in going back to theawl and the wooden peg."

To Cure Children's Colds. Keep child dry, clothe comfortably, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 25.—The famous Field Marshal Von der Goltz has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in the Caucasus, according to a Constantinople report. He was sent to Turkey several years ago to reorganize the army and is credited with the efficiency of the Turks in the recent fighting. He will oppose Grand Duke Nicholas, Russia's master of strategy. The cathedral at Nieuport, on the Belgian coast, has been destroyed by German artillery fire, according to a Berlin announcement, because it was too good a target for battleships.

Aerial Bombardments.

London, Jan. 25.—The city of Nancy, France, was again bombarded this morning by long distance German guns and this afternoon German aviators dropped bombs over the city. Only two were wounded, according to Paris reports. A former attack was made January 8. Aeroplane attacks by the French on the Serbian towns of Monastir and Glogovell were renewed today, according to a Paris despatch, with 100 reported killed. All the French aeroplanes returned safely to their base. Two German aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk early today, says the British official report, but the aeroplanes were forced to descend in the water near Nieuport, the report adds.

French Claimed Advantage.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The French claimed the advantage in artillery fighting in the vicinity of Nieuport, but the Germans for the first time penetrated the French first line.

Germans attacked the French lines in the Artois district yesterday over 1,500 yards of the front, leading off with mine explosions and artillery fire. The attackers were driven back, but some craters which they captured were held.

NIGHT RIDERS CONFESSED.

By Associated Press. New Madrid, Mo., Jan. 25.—Thirty-three defendants in "night rider" trials here today pleaded guilty, bringing the trials to a sudden end.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

By Associated Press. Alpine, Texas, Jan. 25.—Fred Measday, popular and prominent here, was mysteriously shot to death last night. S. D. Beach was killed in the same way January 13. There are no clues to either of the affairs.

BELIEVED TO BE MURDER.

By Associated Press. Dallas, Texas, Jan. 25.—The body of John Burk, an aged watchman of the Texas and Pacific bridge here, was found early today. A wound indicates that the man was murdered, according to the police.

SAN ANTONIO PLANS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 25.—A three day convention opened here today, in which the officials of the city and state are taking part, together with the civic leaders and many prominent visitors from other states. The gathering is a grand jubilee for San Antonio, to complete the plans for the observance of the two hundredth birthday of the city. San Antonio will be just two centuries old in 1918, and at that time an international exposition will be held. All of the societies and organizations of the city are taking part in the moulding of the plans for the big celebration, and some interesting announcements are looked for on Thursday.

TEXAS BREWERIES DENY THEIR GUILT

DECLINE TO FIGHT STATE CASES FOR BUSINESS REASONS BUT DENY TRUTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS.

By Associated Press. Sulphur Springs, Texas, Jan. 25.—The possibility of finishing the testimony in the state brewery anti-trust cases on Friday appeared reasonable today. Six defendants who yesterday agreed to the settlement of the cases by paying penalties, relinquishing their charters and accepting the terms of the injunctions, later issued a statement denying that their action should be construed as a plea of guilty. They deny the allegations, but for business reasons decline to fight the cases.

FAVORS TARIFF COMMISSION.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 25.—President Wilson favors a tariff commission and will attempt to put a bill for one through congress, according to House Leader Claude Kitchin, following a conference at the White House.

MANN WON APPLAUSE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 25.—Minority Leader Mann today won the applause of the house by a speech for preparedness, despite his leadership of the Wilson opposition in all party matters. He declared that the cost would be great but the money well invested.

CASES CONTINUED.

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Jan. 25.—In the call of the docket for the January term of the United States district court made by Judge T. S. Maxey today two cases on the criminal docket against Emmett E. Walker individually, charging embezzling property of the United States, and a case against Emmett F. Walker and Geo. J. Head, charging conspiracy to embezzle property of the United States, were continued, the docket entry noting the lack of arrest of the defendant Walker.

CONSECRATE NEW KENTUCKY BISHOP TODAY.

Covington, Ky., Jan. 25.—Monsignor Ferdinand Brossart, Vicar General of the Catholic diocese of Covington, was today consecrated Bishop of Covington, succeeding the late Rt. Rev. Camillus P. Maes. The ceremony took place in the Cathedral, Archbishop Henry Moeller of Cincinnati officiating. Prominent prelates and leading clergymen of this section were in attendance.

The new bishop was born in Bavaria, Germany, on October 19, 1848. At the age of 2 he was brought to America by his parents, who settled at Camp Springs, Ky. Early in youth he determined to devote his life to the church. He spent four years at the University of Louvain, in Belgium, and returning home, he was ordained Sept. 1, 1872.

One of his most thrilling experiences was the smallpox epidemic that broke out while he was a pastor at Cynthiana, Ky. Of the few who remained to minister to the people who were stricken with the scourge was Father Brossart. White and black, rich and poor, alike received his ministrations.

The Habit of Taking Cold. With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degs. F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

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A CYNICAL VIEW.

We are asked to believe on the authority of the Carranza representatives in this country that there has been since November a conspiracy on the part of the Villistas to kill Americans in Mexico and destroy their property. The Carranza government was recognized in the latter part of October, but there is no indication that anything has been done by that government to counteract the effects of this conspiracy, of which they claim to have had knowledge since its inception.

According to the statements of the Carranza representatives, they have been fully advised concerning the movements of the rebels, but there is no claim that they have done anything although the despatches from Washington state that the Carranza government "has been depended upon by the Washington government to prevent the threats against Americans from being carried out."

The recent murder of eighteen Americans west of Chihuahua City by a gang of bandits, which the Carrancistas claim were "led by Villa officers," has not been punished save by the killing of some bandits whose connection with the murders cannot be proved.

The other night an American was killed by two Mexicans who are alleged to have been engaged in running off American cattle and taking them across the border. The Juarez authorities, as usual, announced that "the guilty parties will be properly punished."

Judging from past performances, we do not know whether to expect their promotion in rank, or their summary execution. Both have been considered as "proper" modes of punishment for Mexicans who have killed Americans in the past few years.

If there is such a conspiracy as is alleged to kill Americans and destroy their property, why does not Carranza send a force of the soldiers which he claims are now unnecessary in other parts of the republic?

The Villa forces in Chihuahua and Sonora, it is claimed by the Carrancistas, are weak in numbers, without adequate arms or equipment, and are not in a position to effectively resist attack by the Carranza forces.

A conspiracy against the Americans, to be effective, would have to be carried out by bodies of men capable of beating down all resistance. The Carranza authorities say that the Villistas are now in precipitate flight, in which case a large force of well equipped Carranza troops should be able to prevent their carrying into effect any conspiracy to kill Americans.

The towns where the Americans now are holding forth are garrisoned in some instances by Carranza soldiers, while in other places there are no troops of either faction. Is it to be understood that Carranza soldiers are also in the plot to kill Americans, or will the latter be safe in the Carranza towns?

Naturally, one's first thought is that the story is another mare's nest. The only point of plausibility about it is that several Americans have already been killed in territory which the Carrancistas reluctantly and regretfully acknowledge they do not control.

But there is no reason why they should not control all the territory formerly held by Villa if the Carranza forces number what they are claimed to. One-third of the number of troops alleged to be available should be able to clean up the entire remaining Villa territory, with the Carrancistas holding the main lines of communication and an embargo on arms from the United States to anyone except the Carrancista government.

The probable truth is that there are many Mexicans who have a desire to kill Americans, foreigners or anyone else who has property worth having. Even in the Tampico region it is reported that hold-ups of foreigners are

quite frequent, and there is a large garrison in Tampico.

For the sake of the de facto government, it is to be hoped that there will be no further slaughter of Americans. It is getting too monotonous.

A POOR RULE.

We are told that "It's a poor rule that won't work both ways," and by the same token the rule that places the gag on army and navy officers and employees of the various departments appears not to work when applied to senators and congressmen.

But a short time ago Secretary Daniels prohibited a noted naval officer from writing articles on the navy for publication. Frequently army officers have been "called down" for criticizing the acts of the administration, particularly when the criticisms were directed against our lack of preparation for defense.

Now comes a letter from Senator Ashurst of Arizona, criticizing the pork barrel methods of certain conferees in both house and senate with regard to troop movements. The criticism may be justified—and we have no doubt it is—but why should a senator be exempt from reprimand for the same act that would call forth the severest reprimand for an army or navy officer or a department employee?

The explanation probably lies in the fact that the average senator or congressman looks upon the army or navy officer as mere hired help, answerable not only to the chief executive but to any member of congress who may see fit to question his acts.

We have the strange spectacle of our highest military and naval officers being gagged by the higher (?) powers, while we boast that this is a democratic country; in European autocratic countries the army and navy officers are encouraged to criticize and suggest improvements, and their criticisms are not only received in good part but the officers are commended for making them.

We frequently read severe criticisms of the administration by senators and congressmen of the opposition, while if an army or navy officer were to dare to tell what he thinks of our condition of preparedness, let alone criticizing the administration because of it, he would be censured and held up to public disapproval.

As we see it, not only are the army and navy officers, the employees of the various executive departments and the heads of those departments the hired servants of the public, but even the president himself is the servant of the public. There is no "royalty that doth hedge about" our public officials. The average American does not "recognize the true prince by instinct," as did Falstaff.

When one official takes it upon himself to criticize the acts of any other official, and does not receive a reprimand for so doing, he cannot complain if other officials do the same. The criticisms of the army and navy officers, as a rule, are based upon the needs of the service, and the proof of inadequateness is not advanced for political reasons. It should be received in the same kindly spirit in which it is given.

But when one member of the legislative branch of the government criticizes other members of the same branch for doing what most of them have been guilty of, it is naturally attributed to political motives, especially when the persons criticized belong to a different party from that of the man who makes the criticism.

There is no doubt much of the pork barrel in our legislation. It is not confined to any section or state. It has been the universal custom for generations, and the fact that it is now considered reprehensible is proof that the people are becoming more aroused to their civic responsibilities.

But, remembering that "It's a poor rule that won't work both ways," the senator from Arizona should be certain that there has been nothing reprehensible in the giant reclamation projects in his own state, with its handful of population, before he begins his recriminations of others. And why not live up to the unwritten law that gazes the other officials of the government?

A man and a woman held up an office in Chicago, got \$1,000, killed a policeman and wounded the office manager, and the police of that city are "still searching for" the criminals. All that is required to pull off such a stunt in the Windy City is nerve and a gun.

A new name has been found for suffocation by gasoline fumes. It is petromortis. The Pullman company would no doubt pay a high salary to the philologist who invented that name. They running out of names for their cars and have to use numbers.

Former Secretary of War Stimson endorses the continental army plan and believes that compulsory training is the only way to solve the defense

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Loves Slaughter.

That the Carranza government is in downright earnest in its desire to exterminate the bandits engaged in the slaughter of Americans in Mexico is amply demonstrated by placing on exhibition at the border town of Juarez the dead bodies of slain leaders recently summarily executed by the authorities. When we consider the difficulties that confront the de facto government in exterminating these lawless bands and the efforts it is now putting forth to accomplish that purpose, we should at least concede to it sincerity of purpose in its professions that it desires to meet its obligations to extend protection to American life and property.—Houston Post.

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Value of the Seed.

Commerce and Finance of January 5 has an interesting article on the wondrous story of cottonseed. The publication places its value commercially at far more than \$150,000,000 a year, and its oil in 1915 alone valued at more than \$80,000,000. Twenty-five years ago cotton seed was regarded as a worthless waste. Now it enters into food, clothing, soap, medicine, paper, movie films, fertilizer, power and high explosives. More than 500 articles are enumerated and the once despised seed is responsible for all. Why should 75 per cent of the growers of the cotton live from hand to mouth and forever remain slaves to the credit system?—Fort Worth Record.

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Don't Delay.

Do not delay the payment of your poll tax because of your inability to pay your personal or property taxes. Your poll tax receipt is your evidence of citizenship and is of far greater importance than the others which are merely evidences of property ownership. You cannot be denied the privilege of voting if your poll tax is paid. If it be not paid, a bale of property tax receipts big as a haystack would not help you one iota at the polls!—Corpus Christi Times.

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Is Vindicated?

Theodore G. Bilbo was inaugurated governor of Mississippi Tuesday. Retiring Governor Brewer, who two years ago prosecuted his successor for bribery, refused to participate in the inaugural ceremonies, but it is to be hoped that the new governor will not retaliate, now that he has been fully vindicated.—Waco News.

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Who Knows 'Em?

Also, you can count yourself mighty lucky in being born as American. Suppose you were an alien, and were called on to tell the duties of the vice president, as an evidence of your acquaintance with American government.—Port Arthur News.

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A Leap Year Hedge.

Just to keep the record straight we will state that our Monday afternoon's weather forecast did not come from the young lady who usually hands out that dope. It came from headquarters. Manifestly, the young lady's prognostication could not have shot so wide the mark.—Denison Herald.

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It's Sure Bitter Medicine.

Carranza's bloody work will have its effect. He exacts the uttermost penalty of captured assassins. In Mexico we supposed that it is the medicine most bitter that has the best influence.—Corpus Christi Call.

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Bryan's Attack Out of All Reason.

Mr. Bryan's attack upon the plans of President Wilson is out of all reason and most sensible men among us will resent his fight at this time. Mr. Wilson has shown Mr. Bryan every courtesy and the people want preparedness and Mr. Wilson knows better than any other man in the land the need of preparedness and now as the election is upon him, Mr. Bryan's conduct as a democrat is unpardonable. We have always liked Mr. Bryan, but we think he is going too far in his flight upon our democratic administration.—Aubrey Argus.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

problem. Which is almost as bad as conscription.

While we are in the enjoyment of balmy weather, people in the West are being killed by snowslides, even the cars being hurled from the track by the avalanche. If we had only a little of that snow we could do some hog-killing, which the weather is now too warm to permit.



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41—Caligula, most infamous of Roman emperors, was assassinated in the amphitheatre.
1712—Birthday of Frederick the Great one of the world's great generals.
1829—Indian War broke out in Arkansas.
1867—Schleswig-Holstein, formerly Danish provinces, became German state.
1869—First Protestant public worship in Madrid, Spain.
1870—Prince Arthur, now Duke of Connaught, was received by President Grant at the White House.
1871—Count Bismarck was made Chancellor of the new German Empire.
1903—Treaty signed for mixed commission to determine boundary between Alaska and Canada.
1905—Gov. La Follette of Wisconsin was elected United States Senator.
1914—U. S. Senate authorized Government Railroad in Alaska.
1915—THE WAR:
U. S. denies twenty-six charges made by German sympathizers as to discrimination against Germany and Austria. German cruiser Bluecher sunk and two other German ships damaged in running naval battle in North Sea. Germans begin attack on British lines at La Basse Canal.

THIS IS MY 84th BIRTHDAY
JOSEPH HODGES CHOATE.
Joseph Hodges Choate, most famous of American diplomats, who is now heading the movement of American citizens to secure greater national security from foreign aggression, is 84 years old today. Mr. Choate, who shone most brilliantly at the Court of St. James, is receiving congratulations today at his home in New York. He has shone as one of the leading American lawyers for sixty years, and has had part in many famous legal disputes. He was at the first Hague Peace Conference, and has been vice president of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes. The world court to discipline nations and settle their claims and disputes is the solution of the evil of war, claims Mr. Choate. The famous diplomat was born at Salem, Mass., on January 24, 1832, and graduated from Harvard. He began practice of law at Boston in 1855, but removed to New York the following year. He grew famous as a public speaker, and his law practice brought him into the largest cases. He was tendered the portfolio of Ambassador to London in 1899, and he remained there for sixty years, during which time he was showered with honors by the English people.

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If you suffer from backache; If you have headaches, dizzy spells; If the kidney secretions are irregular. Don't delay—likely your kidneys are sick.

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"THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE" IS TO BE SEEN HERE SOON

A GREAT DRAMA THAT IS A PROTEST TO PRESENT WAR.

American and Other Notables Represented in Caste and Thousands of Persons Will Participate.

"The Battle Cry of Peace," one of the most stupendous and commanding motion picture productions ever thrown on the screen, and which today is delighting millions of people throughout this country, because it represents an idea that has popularized itself, will be shown at the Strand Theatre in this city on February 15 and 16. "The Battle Cry of Peace" is virtually a "Call to Arms Against War" and is a strong protestation to the carnage that is now being enacted on the European battlefields. In the immense caste of the production are represented all the notables of our statesmen, strategists, army and navy officials and inventive genius—and participating in the great drama are 25,000 national guardsmen, 800 members of the G. A. R., 800 horses, 8,000 supernumeraries and the great inventive genius, Hudson, Maxim.

A synopsis of the great play soon to be seen in Laredo is not amiss at this time.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" deals with the subject which is today nearing the heart of every American citizen—the problem of America's unpreparedness.

It portrays the defenseless condition of our country; the consequences to which this condition may lead; and the way to avoid these consequences.

The City of New York is attacked by a powerful foreign foe. You are an eye-witness. You see the enemy approaching, the powerlessness of the city, the inadequacy of its forts and defenses. You see the havoc wrought by the enemy's cruisers, its submarines, its airships—by its shells, shrapnel, bombs. You see the most beautiful sky-line in the world in flames; the metropolis of the western hemisphere devastated.

You see New York fall into the hands of the enemy; and the desecration that follows. Then you are shown the way that such a calamity can be avoided—the one way. You are shown the way to peace—the peace for which America so earnestly prays—the peace with honor. "The Battle Cry of Peace" was written by J. Stuart Blackton and produced under his personal supervision on a scale never before attempted in motion pictures.

Acknowledgment is made to Hudson Maxim, international authority on arms and ammunition, for facts contained in his "Defenseless America," and to a score of prominent Americans in army, navy and administrative circles for co-operation and advice. Among its sponsors are the foremost names in current American history. Personages of national and international importance appear personally in the production.

Live Up Your Torpid Liver. To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

HOTEL HAS 'PHONE SERVICE

All Rooms of Bender Hotel Have the Service and This is Connected With Local and Long Distance.

Through the efforts of its enterprising and wide-awake manager, Chas. E. Soltan, the Bender Hotel has been made a metropolitan hostelry with all modern conveniences, and the latest device to be installed for the accommodation of its guest is a genuine telephone system which serves every apartment in the hotel.

In each room of the Bender there has been installed a private telephone. A party in one of the rooms rings up, gets an answer from the Bender operator who manipulates a small switchboard. If he wants to talk to some other room in the hotel, well and good, he gets it. If he wants to talk to someone on the local Southwestern telephone exchange, the hotel operator calls up "central," gets the connection for the party, and soon he is "spinning gas over the wire." This same process applies if a patron in his room wants to talk over long distance.

There are fifty-two private phones installed in the Bender and the service now being rendered is pre-eminently satisfactory, the wiring and connections having been made by the telephone company.

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Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price.

CELEBRATION COMMITTEES GET DOWN TO REAL WORK

VARIOUS SUBCOMMITTEES WILL BE NAMED IN FEW DAYS

Firemen's Committees Countenancing No Delay, But Working to Make Their Part Program Success.

Things are still rocking along pertaining to the big celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary in Laredo beginning on February 20 and terminating on the evening of February 23. Chairman Netzer, it is said, is now ready to announce the executive and various sub-committees, and as soon as this is done there will be great activity among the various committees and they will conduct their parts in the arrangements with great celerity.

Many letters of inquiry are pouring into Laredo showing unabated interest in the proposed big festival here next month, and this denotes an assurance that there will be a great inpouring of people here from various nearby cities to attend the festivities. The carnival attractions are being secured by the gentleman employed by the carnival committee to attend to that end of the program, while other arrangements have been made for features that will be announced just as soon as the necessary committees are named.

The firemen's committees co-operating with the celebration committee practically have everything rolling along smoothly and the indications are that the part the fireboys will play in this year's celebration will prove one of the really interesting features of the big event. One committee of firemen is communicating with the various racing teams to come here and participate in the hose racing tournament, and the indications are there will be about ten outside teams here on February 22, when the races are held. Another firemen's committee is arranging for the crowning of the fire queen on the evening of February 22 at the grand ball to be held by the firemen in Elks Hall, and the contest for the election of the fire queen is now in full blast. It is also being planned to have the hose races between the local ward teams on February 21, but whether or not this feature will be pulled off now seems doubtful. However, the celebration next month will be up to the usual high standard, even though procrastination at this time is playing a dominating part in some respects.

IN THE BELGIAN CONGO.

Brother of Rev. L. M. Wharton Has Interesting Experiences as Missionary in Africa.

A clipping from a Sherman paper, being a letter from Rev. Conway T. Wharton, brother of Rev. L. M. Wharton, from Luebo, Belgian Congo, gives some interesting experiences of the missionary in Darkest Africa. The letter is too long to quote in its entirety, but the writer describes his trip up the Congo river to his station, including a railroad trip around the cataraacts, and tells of the river voyage of sixteen persons in a steam launch designed to carry only nine.

Wood for the boilers was cut along the trip, as well as for cooking. Many hippopotami were seen, as well as water buffalo and many monkeys and parrots. Crocodiles in great number were killed as they lay sunning themselves on sandbars. The party saw no elephants on the trip, although they found many tracks.

It took three months to make the trip from New York. Mr. Wharton tells of the strange house in which he lives, made with mud walls and a thatched roof, the walls whitewashed and looking like plaster. He says the place is delightful, and that it very cool and comfortable in Luebo.

It is altogether an interesting letter, and the Laredo brother is looking forward to the receipt of many more telling of the strange country to which the missionary has gone.

PURCHASES OLD DEUTZ HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Applewhite Sell Property at Corner of Farragut and Salinas to Judge Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Applewhite, who recently purchased the old Henry Deutz property at the corner of Farragut street and Salinas Avenue from Mr. Ed. Denike, have sold the property, which consists of a two-story dwelling and about two lots to Judge Hal W. Greer. The last consideration was \$9,800. This is a very valuable piece of property, being located opposite Jarvis Plaza and in what might be termed the business section of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Applewhite are planning to immediately begin the erection of a fine two-story home, which will be ready for occupancy about the first of March, when it is said Judge and Mrs. Greer will also remove to their home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Applewhite.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Arthur J. Pulver and Elizabeth Winters, Anselmo Gonzales and Concepcion Aguilar, Amador Ramirez and Herminia Rodriguez.

—While in some portions of the country yesterday the rigors of winter were keenly felt and ice and snow carpeted the ground and there was misery and suffering from the cold, down here in Southwest Texas people were out in summery garments basking in the sunshine, the little birds were caroling from the boughs and all Nature seemed at its best. What a contrast between North and South in this particular respect.

—More beautiful springtime weather than that which prevailed in Laredo yesterday (supposed to be mid-winter) can not be found anywhere, and not even in that ideal season of the year called spring.

—Sid Chaplin, taking the leading role in a four-reel comedy-drama, "The Submarine Pirate," was the feature play at the Royal yesterday. It appears that the Chaplin family are all afflicted with the same malady and they are capable of doing the ludicrous and comical stunts. A United States submarine supplemented the play and Sid the submerging trick several times.

—There was no band concert on Martin Plaza last night, but nevertheless that pleasure mecca was crowded, for the irresistible promenaders were out and they had their milling habits on and swung around the plaza until their "tootsies" were tired and they had to go home and give a surcease from the work.

—Those folk miners down in Villadama protest against being paid off in Mexican silver pesos, inferring that it is "tainted money." They want Carranza currency—that "taint" money. Silver is always worth something—paper is nothing to be depended on in Mexico.

—The fire queen contest is "booming" as the saying goes and the next count will bring some surprises. Merchants are issuing votes with purchases, but some of them forget to give votes if not reminded—so ask for the votes and then cast them for your favorite candidate. The contest closes February 14—the coronation takes place amid a blaze of glory at a grand ball in Elks Hall, February 22.

INFER IT IS "TAINTED" MONEY

Mexican Miners Don't Want Silver Pesos Because They Were Associated With Huerta; Want Currency.

According to information brought to Laredo today by a party arriving from Villadama, the miners employed in Las Minas Viejas near Villadama have recorded their protestation against being paid their salaries in Mexican silver pesos, alleging that they want no money "which had been associated with or approved by the Huerta government."

At a meeting of miners held in Villadama a few days ago a committee was named to go before the mine operators on behalf of the miners and demand "that hereafter the only salaries accepted by miners would be that paid in approved Carranza currency." There are many mining camps in Mexico where similar conditions prevail and the enemies engendered between factional parties during the recent revolutions still dominate and cause trouble to be precipitated at the least expected time.

BIG RUSH OF COTTON GOODS

Carranza Removes 90 Per Cent of Duty on These Goods and Now They Are Passing Through Laredo.

Recently Provisional President Carranza issued a decree removing ninety per cent of the import duty off cotton goods shipped into Mexico, this being done by the first chief to assist the poorer classes of Mexico, who are practically in tattered rags as a result of the exorbitant price of cotton goods in the republic.

To meet the heavy demand for cotton goods in the southern republic, and to take advantage of the decree issued by Chief Carranza, a rush of cotton goods into Mexico is now on and last Saturday a shipment of 57,000 yards of cotton goods was made into Mexico through the port of Laredo. Other large shipments are now en route from the big Eastern mills and will pass through this city shortly.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received at my office until 4 p. m. January 28th, for the erection and completion of a two story building on lots 1 and 2, block 47. Plans and specifications can be seen at my office or at office of M. S. Ryan, architect.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids.
A. BERTANI.
1-19-21.

PERSONALS

Hon. Marshall Hicks of San Antonio arrived in the city Saturday to attend the district court.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Alexander of Palafox, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit to relatives.

John M. Green of the Catarinas, arrived in the city this afternoon and will return home this evening.

R. N. Campbell, division superintendent of the Wells-Fargo Co. Express with headquarters at San Antonio, arrived in the city this morning for a short visit and expects to return home this evening.

HAMILTON:—L. Gray, Pearsall; Mrs. D. M. Burnett, Darwin; Marshall Hicks, J. F. Slack, S. S. Sanfield, C. H. Karren, Geo. B. Meyer, San Antonio; J. L. Anders, Pat Craighead, Hebronville; W. M. Whelless, Beaumont; J. C. Rhodes, J. M. Nix, San Antonio; Joe J. Nix, Corpus Christi; H. A. Miller, Dallas; Louis Sinsheimer, Houston; H. E. Johnson, Moore.

ROSS:—J. C. Martin, Rio Grande City; Jose Saldana, Ricardo Morales, Monterrey; C. A. Nilles, San Antonio; Alfredo Martinez, Chicago; E. A. Rielley, J. W. Fraut, D. A. Conden, San Antonio; J. D. Caramero, Mexico; J. E. Bisher, W. J. Reilly, L. E. Gregory, San Antonio; C. E. Winer, Temple; J. F. Dubose, Dubose; B. Mireles, San Luis Potosi; E. Santos Coy, San Antonio; R. M. Weber, St. Louis; Alfredo L. Acuña, Los Angeles, Cal.; Paulino Fernandez, Eliseo Zorrilla, C. Victoria, Mex.; Salvador Gutierrez, San Luis Potosi.

BENDER:—H. C. Mayer, San Antonio; Geo. B. Fueller, Houston; F. M. Guesper, M. E. Fish, San Antonio; Charles Hay, Dallas; M. Dobado, Leon, Mexico; W. H. Dennis, Tampico; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Conkling, W. Van des Gracht, Tulsa, Okla.; L. Cabrera, Mexico City; E. A. Barchard, New York; R. Carrion, New Orleans; E. M. Lewis, San Antonio; Mrs. Alina Hume, Kennet, Cal.; Jarrier Salcido, P. P. Carada, Monterey; A. K. Furbull and wife, Mexico; Harold D. Liggins, R. W. Makpalane, Parral, Mex.; Ed. Manback, Santa Barbara; J. P. Hansen and wife, Jammie Whelbe, Iren Placus, W. J. Allott, Jno. W. Butter, Mexico City; J. E. Craft, Pasadena, Cal.; E. W. Crane, Los Angeles, Cal.; A. H. Moran, D. J. Moran, San Antonio; D. J. Rivero, Monterey; R. V. Wiley, W. H. Lacy, Corpus Christi; H. Kseuthol, Waco; L. W. Williams, Dallas; J. S. Barlett, Chicago, Ill.

Has Located in Laredo.

Mr. R. L. Bobbitt arrived in the city yesterday from Austin and he will make this city his future home. Mr. Bobbitt is an attorney at law and graduated with high honors from the University of Texas. He has entered the offices of Mr. Asher R. Smith, with whom he will be associated in the general practice of law. Mr. Bobbitt is a young man, who brings with him the best of recommendations both as a gentleman and practitioner and he will be an acquisition to the local bar and social circles of Laredo. The Times extends him a hearty welcome.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ men to six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment."—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Monday Weekly Bridge Club will meet with Miss Annie Alexander at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tournament Weekly Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. L. J. Christen at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will meet at the studio of Mrs. D. F. Anderson at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday.

The Tuesday Auction Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. R. L. Sutton at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold a regular meeting with Mrs. J. H. Davis at four o'clock instead of half after three as formerly.

Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will meet at the rectory with Mrs. Charles Cook at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon with Mrs. Abshear as leader.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Made in America.

In Paris, just before the war, I shopped for frocks and hats galore. While wandering through the Bon Marche,

"Twice joy to hear the shop-girls say: 'Voilà! You need no further seek Ceci, madam, est vraiment chic!'"

Today in Stacy's crowded aisle I shopped for frocks and hats awhile; The coy young person said to me, "Just like those girls across the sea: 'Lady, you'd better take your pick—This here is something very chic!'"

—Mary Sutherland Baker.

Entertainments.

The following was taken from the San Antonio Express of Sunday and will be of interest to the friends of Miss Inez Hill and Tom Nye, as their names are among those present at the box party:

"The sophomores of St. Mary's Hall entertained the seniors with a Majestic Theater party Saturday evening, after which there was a Mexican supper at the Original Mexican Restaurant. The place favors were frosted bull pups with bright eyes. The place cards were tied with purple ribbons for the seniors, and the cards for the sophomores were tied with green, the class colors. The cards swung around the neck suspended to the ribbons."

Dance.

The most brilliant affair of the winter was the dance given by General and Mrs. R. K. Evans at the Post Gymnasium at Fort McIntosh on Saturday evening. At the entrance to the hall a canvass covered way, gay with Japanese lanterns, extended to the bowling alley, where refreshments were served later. The hall was a perfect bower, the walls being lined with branches of willow, with flags draped above, and the windows and balcony where the Ninth Infantry Band was stationed, draped with soft grey moss and studded with varicolored lights, were lovely, for during the waltzes the simulated moon placed here, surrounded by a galaxy of stars, was the only light, as the other lights were dimmed, and an air of romance was abroad when beautiful women and gallant men, clad in costumes of Shakespeare's time, flitted to and fro in modern dances. The stair rail was a network of green and was studded with incandescents, while streamers of varicolored lights extended from corner to corner of the room. Large palms marked the entrance. General and Mrs. R. K. Evans were assisted in receiving by Colonel and Mrs. R. A. Brown, and Colonel and Mrs. Crane. Mrs. Evans was exquisitely gowned in gray chamoise, and wore diamonds. The programs, with two quaint figures on them, a quotation from Shakespeare and the date, January twenty-second, recorded eighteen straight dances and two favor dances. Each dance on the program had a quotation written after it.

Punch and lemonade were served throughout the evening from tables beautiful in trailing moss and crimson roses. A buffet supper was served from tables decorated in baskets of scarlet geraniums and fern, with a tulle bow tied on the handle of the baskets; these tables were placed in

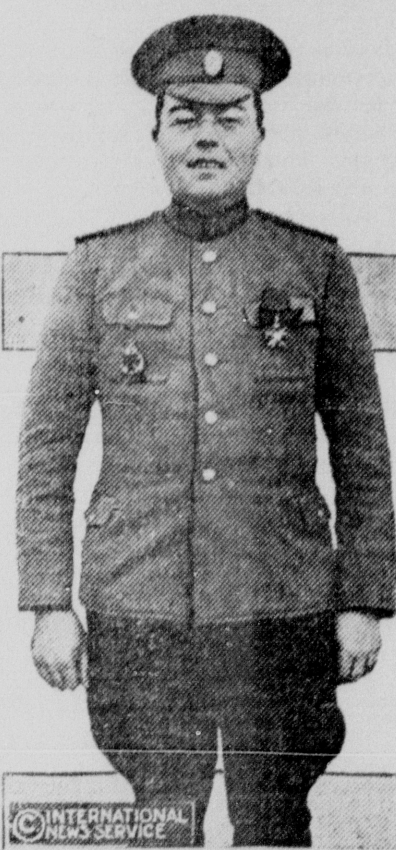
several of the rooms at the bowling alley.

Among those present were: Mrs. J. B. DaCamara, Margaret; Mrs. J. A. Applewhite, Portia; Mrs. A. C. Hamilton, Desdemona; Mrs. Hal Irby Greer, Calpurnia; Mrs. H. G. Hall, Desdemona; Mrs. H. W. Johnston, Ophelia; Mrs. Warwick, Katherine the Shrew; Mrs. Jos. Netzer, a Venetian lady; Mrs. Ola Bell, Queen Elizabeth; Mrs. Walter Moore, Juliet; Mrs. Morris, Elizabeth; Mrs. Meador, Desdemona; Mrs. Davids, court jester; Mrs. Sirmyer, Katherine; Mrs. Clement, Cleopatra; Mrs. Mulliken, Anne Hathaway; Misses Mary Sames, Perdita; Louise Muller, Titania; Edna Brown, Cordelia; Dora Gullette, Mrs. Ford; Beas Goldman, of Austin, Juliet; Marguerite Nelson, Rosalind; Myrtle Mackin, Desdemona; Ethel Mackin, Queen Katherine of Aragon; Marie Mowry, Mariana; Cleo Pereira, Queen Katherine; Alice Gray, Jester; Olive Gray, Cleopatra; Clarissa Ryan, Ophelia; Katherine Coulter, one of the Merry Wives of Windsor; Captain Ola Bell, knight of the Garter; Lieutenant Meador, monk; Lieutenant Clemant, bishop; Lieutenants Mills and Herr, monks; Lieutenant Gilbreath, Hostpud; Lieutenant Coulter, Court Costume; Lieutenant Bishop, king's jester; Lieutenant Dwan, Oberon; Lieutenants Hornsby Evans, Romeo; Cronin, Romeo; Zane, Caesar's Ghost; Tucker, Henry the Fifth; Major Switzer, Hamlet; Captain Sirmyer, Othello; Messrs. Dave Chaille, monk; Ben Alexander, Henry the Eighth; Robert Ennis, Caesar; Walter Nye, Henry the Eighth; A. C. Hamilton, Richard the Third; Asher R. Smith, Shylock; Edmund Moser, Antonio; Robert Muller, Pertuchio; Alden Muller, Hamlet; Percy Winch, Romeo; Frank Higgins, Henry the Eighth; Dr. H. C. Hall, Duke of Syracuse; Jas. Gray, Antonio; J. B. DaCamara, Orlando; H. W. Johnston, Romeo. Among those not masking were: Mrs. J. T. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Penn, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bueenz, Mr. and Mrs. T. Austin, Mrs. H. D. Shelby, Mrs. C. B. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Greer, Mrs. Matson; Misses Alexander, Alma Pierce, Lucille Murphy, Mrs. Diaz; Captain and Mrs. Kinney, Captain and Mrs. Kyle Rucker, Dr. and Mrs. Stacey, Captain and Mrs. Reuben Smith, Captain and Mrs. Loeb, Dr. and Mrs. Forenbaugh, Captain and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Mulliken, Lieutenant and Mrs. Harrell, Mrs. Zane, Lieutenant and Mrs. J. T. Harris, Lieutenant and Mrs. Weaver, Miss Bailey of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

OPEN HEARINGS ON BILLS OF LADING.

New York, Jan. 24.—The Interstate Commerce commission will open here today a series of hearings on bills of lading, to get the views of shippers and exporters on the effect of the new Cummins law providing that carriers shall be liable for the full value of goods transported. In addition to testimony in regard to the general merchandise forms, these hearings are expected to develop facts in regard to the lawfulness and propriety of special bills of lading to cover such traffic as live stock and cotton for export. Next week the Commission will hear Chicago shippers, and later hearings will be held in San Francisco, New Orleans and Atlanta.

MADE GENERAL BY RUSSIA



Dr. P. Newton, an American physician, who returned from Europe recently, has received high honors from Russia, having been made a brigadier general and given the cross of St. Andrew.

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BELIEVED THAT ENTENTE DIPLOMACY HAS WON AT ATHENS AND DEVELOPMENTS SOON

Reported that Entente Powers and Greece have Negotiated for a Loan, and This is Taken to Mean that Favorable Developments will Soon Follow—Germans Claim Aerial Bombardment of Dover.

VILLA PREPARING FOR NEW CAMPAIGN

HAS 1,000 MEN AND 500 HORSES

AND IS DRYING PLENTY OF MEAT FOR HIS COMMISSARY.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 24.—Arrivals from Madera, Chihuahua, today reported that Gen. Francisco Villa was at Santa Anna on the Barbacoa ranch, a Hearst property, making preparations for an extensive campaign. It was said that he had gathered 1,000 men and had taken 500 colts from the Barbacoa ranch for mounts and was killing 250 head of cattle daily and drying the meat for provisions.

NEGRO CONVICT ESCAPED.

By Associated Press.

Greenburg, Pa., Jan. 24.—Charles Douglas, a negro awaiting death for murder, today beat his guard senseless and escaped with two others.

FIFTEEN WERE KILLED

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Fifteen workmen were killed and fifteen others probably injured today in an explosion at the plant of the Kelker Blower Company. The cause of the explosion has not yet been learned.

LOUISIANA PRIMARIES TOMORROW.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 24.—The interesting feature of the state primaries tomorrow is the ballot battle for the Democratic nomination for the governorship. Lieut. Governor T. C. Barret and Col. Rufin G. Pleasant are the opposing candidates, and both have put up stiff campaigns.

BALTIMORE TO BE ON INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT.

New York, Jan. 24.—It is now practically assured that Baltimore will have a team in the International League, and that the Harrisburg franchise will be shifted back to New York. Richmond will probably be retained on the circuit, although other baseball centers are making a bid for this club. The moguls of the International meet today at the Hotel McAlpine, and they will settle the matters that have been hanging fire for some time.

WEST VS. EAST FOR REPUBLICAN CHAIRMANSHIP.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The contest between the East and the West for the temporary chairmanship of the Republican National Convention is the most important of the issues to be settled here today by the committee of arrangements, which meet to pave the way for the big Republican nomination powwow in June. It is an open secret that the West is strong for Senator Borah of Idaho to handle the gavel when the big gathering meets to settle its leadership on the brow of President Wilson's opponent. It is also said that the Eastern politicians following him in his meanderings. They can safely leave him to the care of Col. Wm. Bryan, who will esteem it a labor of love as well as of duty to expose his hypocrisy and scarify his cuticle.—Texas Republic.

Announcement.

Mr. R. L. Bobbitt desires to announce that he is associated in the general practice of law with Mr. Asher R. Smith. Offices: Brannan Building, Laredo, Texas.
1-24-21.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

By Associated Press.

Important Developments Coming.
London, Jan. 24.—That the Entente powers and Greece have negotiated for a loan is stated on good authority, according to an Athens despatch to Reuter's today. This is taken to mean that the Entente diplomacy has won at Athens and that important developments are coming.

The bombardment of Dover, England's great channel port, Saturday night was announced today by the German admiralty, which says that bombs were dropped on the barracks and docks. Military operations in the Balkans center in Albania, where the Austrians are fast taking charge.

Seized Oil Tanker.

London, Jan. 24.—The Standard Oil tanker Petrolite with a cargo of petroleum from Philadelphia for Copenhagen was taken by the British to Kirkwall Thursday, it became known today. The Petrolite December 5 was stopped by the Austrians, according to the captain, and the supplies removed after four shots were fired at the ship.

INCOME TAX UPHELD.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The United States supreme court today upheld the legality of the income tax law. Chief Justice White announced the decision in the case of Frank Bushaber, a Union Pacific stockholder who sought to enjoin the company from paying the tax on the ground that the law was unconstitutional.

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO GET INFORMATION

ADMIRAL MCGOWAN SAYS NOT SPYING TO FIND OUT WHAT OTHER NATIONS ARE DOING.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 24.—An appropriation of \$30,000 to "get information" from foreign cities of a naval character which other governments do not want the United States to have was frankly discussed before the naval affairs committee today by Admiral McGowan, who refused to call it spying. The admiral said that other nations are doing the same here and that the full amount sought is needed.

DINNER TO MRS. WILSON.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The board of governors of the Washington Club, the most exclusive of the women's clubs of the capital, will today tender a reception and tea in honor of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, who has been a member of the club for a number of years. This is the first large entertainment by Washington women in honor of the President's bride.

A REPUBLICAN VIEW.

It is announced, that President Wilson is planning to assume personal leadership in the fight for his three-billion-dollar preparedness plans. Republicans will view his efforts with not a little interest and curiosity, but will hardly waste time or lose patience in following him in his meanderings. They can safely leave him to the care of Col. Wm. Bryan, who will esteem it a labor of love as well as of duty to expose his hypocrisy and scarify his cuticle.—Texas Republic.

Aged Laredoite Dead.

Mrs. Petra Herrera de Duran in the 82nd year of her age died at 2:40 o'clock this morning at her home No. 1610 Flores avenue after a long illness. She was born in Laredo and spent all of her life here and was a member of one of Laredo's oldest and most prominent families. The funeral will occur from the family residence and San Agustin church at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

BREWERY CASES ARE TO BE COMPROMISED

COMPROMISE INCLUDES HEAVY PENALTIES, FORFEITURE OF CHARTERS AND QUITTING POLITICS.

By Associated Press.

Sulphur Springs, Texas, Jan. 24.—The case of six Texas breweries this afternoon are to be submitted on pleas of guilty with a compromise agreement, according to counsel for the breweries and Attorney General Looney. Penalties aggregating \$275,000, the forfeiture of their charters and injunction against political activities are included in the compromise. The Dallas brewery company will fight and ask a jury trial.

A compromise agreement was made this afternoon according to the plan and entered in court.

TRIED TO SUICIDE.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 24.—Eugene Joffe, said to be related to France's noted commander, today was found unconscious in a tent near his home in Letot, this county, with a bullet in his head and a pistol near by. His recovery is doubtful. He has suffered from ill health lately.

ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR KENTUCKY NEGRO.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 24.—A negro will be electrocuted at the Kentucky State Prison tomorrow morning. He is James Blue, who killed his aged landlord with a hatchet on May 29th 1915. The killing was done when Oster came to collect the rent of the house occupied by the colored man. Witnesses at the trial testified that Blue grabbed the hatchet from the arm of the aged contractor and buried it in his head.

ANOTHER WARNING.

There is such a thing as sweet potato weevil, and it is about as bad in sweet potatoes as the boll-weevil upon cotton. There are, more over, several centers of infection in Texas.

Last season several cars of seed sweet potatoes were brought from South Texas to a North Louisiana section, with the result that there are a number of newly infected fields and consequent discouragement to the growers.

After infection has been started, among the things to do, is to procure non-infected seed for future crop and plant upon land well removed from the infected fields, asking advice from the State Entomologist as to further procedure.

In view of these suggestions, I deem it hardly necessary to advise planters in non-infected section to be careful where they get their seed potatoes. Under the curing processes now thoroughly tried out, there seems no reason why there should not be enormous extension of the sweet potato industry in Texas, if only due care is exercised to keep the fields clear of insect pests which prey upon the sweets.

R. R. CLARIDGE,
Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry. Co.,
Fort Worth, Texas.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

Light Shipments of Incoming Articles, While Outgoing Shipments Represent Variety of Things.

The importations through this port from Mexico today consisted of five carloads of ixtle, one carload of miscellaneous and one carload of bones.

The exportations through this port on Friday and Saturday consisted of the following articles: Seven carloads of corn, 2,000 barrels of flour, six carloads of coal, 57,000 yards of cotton cloth and 86,000 feet of lumber.

From Tuesday's Daily.

THE SCHOOL BONDS.

By a strange coincidence, just when we are agitating the question of voting on the question of issuing school bonds to the amount of \$80,000, San Antonio is considering the problem of issuing \$800,000 for the same purpose.

The San Antonio Express quotes James Kent as saying: "The parent who sends his son out into the world uneducated defrauds the community of a useful citizen and bequeaths a nuisance."

Just now when we are furnishing each nation, the declaration states: free schooling to many hundreds of Mexican refugees, the problem of school facilities becomes most acute. Yesterday Superintendent Christen was obliged to regrettably inform the parents of several children that there was no more room for pupils during this term, and that they would have to wait until the next school year begins.

There may be some children of actual residents or citizens of Laredo who have no school advantages. If official views of all the American there are, it is certainly not their fault.

All the schools of the city are crowded up to the third grade and those in the primary classes and up to the third grade are obliged to be satisfied with but half a day of schooling.

Any city where such conditions prevail needs better school facilities. More than that, when even the buildings in use are not sanitary or modern, with the exception of the Central school and one or two light frame structures, it is evident that we are delinquent in our duty to the rising generation.

We have lately paid some thousands of dollars for the beautifying of Jarvis Plaza. We have spent several thousands of dollars for the construction of storm sewers and we shall doubtless have to spend still more before the system of disposing of storm water is completed. We have voted the bonds for the construction of two much needed bridges.

All these things are useful in their way, yet it is doubtful if any of them were more needed than adequate school buildings for the housing of the children of Laredo. And when it is remembered that the children of school age who are resident in our midst are entitled to the same school advantages as our own children, it is plain that we must do something for the school system or remain convicted of neglect of our manifest duty.

It is doubtful if the expenditure of \$800,000 by San Antonio is as much justified as would be the expenditure of \$80,000 by Laredo. A careful investigation will not show any more children in San Antonio to the hundred of population than in Laredo, and San Antonio has already many school buildings of good class, while we have but one.

The education of Laredo's children is equally as important as the construction of other public necessities. The two new bridges leading to the undeveloped residence property on the Heights are necessary, it is true, but more necessary still are proper school houses.

A pretty plaza attracts attention of the favorable sort, but so also would a modern, well equipped, properly ventilated and lighted school building. In fact, the latter would draw a class of settlers to this city that would not care whether we had a plaza or not.

The property owners of Laredo would not be justified in defeating the proposition to issue the school bonds. A man may have a right to neglect his own property, but he has no right to aid in neglecting the public demands, and one of the most imperative demands the city has ever faced is that for new school houses.

Our high school is a matter of just pride to the residents of the city. Yet when it is learned that the school would have a higher rating among those of the state were it properly housed, it is not so much a matter of pride as it is of shame that it is no better.

We need many things, it will be urged. And the first of these things is the construction of the three new buildings asked for by the school board. And we believe that the schools are going to be furnished by the taxpayers of Laredo.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

The Pan-American declaration of the rights of nations has been made public, and it is one of the most momentous documents that was ever written. In some things it follows the model of our declaration of independence which has stood the test of one hundred and forty years, and it makes plain that "Every nation has the right to independence in the sense that it has a right to the pursuit of happiness and is free to develop itself without interference or control from other states, provided that in so doing it does not interfere with or violate the just rights of other states."

The declaration further says: "Every nation is in law and before law the equal of every other state

composing the society of nations, and all states have the right to claim and, according to the declaration of independence of the United States, to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them."

The question of jurisdiction is settled by the statement that "Every nation has the right to territory within defined boundaries and to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over this territory and all persons, whether native or foreign, found therein."

As to the respect due the rights of each nation, the declaration states: "Every nation entitled to a right by the law of nations is entitled to have school facilities becomes most acute. The question of jurisdiction is settled by the statement that "Every nation has the right to territory within defined boundaries and to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over this territory and all persons, whether native or foreign, found therein."

The declaration was formulated by the representatives of the twenty-one American republics, and while it has not yet received the formal ratification of the countries which it affects, it is believed to correctly set forth the official views of all the American countries.

The declaration, when formally ratified, will be a long step in advance for the countries forming the Pan-American Union. It will supplement the Monroe doctrine, and will make it impossible for any foreign nation to commit any act of aggression upon an American country without the instant protest of all the other members of the Union.

The recognition of the equality of all states is an important one, as it does away with the suspicion that has been carefully fostered by the European nations that the United States looked upon the smaller nations as the legitimate prey of the greater.

South America is dominated by Brazil and Argentina, as the strongest nations of that continent. Before the fall of the Diaz government Mexico had much influence with some of the Central American states. The belief that the United States is apt to attempt to dominate Mexico is shown to be unfounded by this declaration of the equal rights of all countries to their independence of foreign control. The representatives who formulated the declaration were experts on international law, and each country had an equal representation in the sessions which considered the question. The United States was represented by five men, as was each of the other nations, hence there can be no suspicion that our country improperly dominated the convention which drew up the declaration of rights.

The first article of the declaration expresses most clearly the thought underlying the declaration: "Every nation has the right to exist, to protect and to conserve its existence, but this right neither implies the right nor justifies the act of the state to protect itself or to conserve its existence by the commission of unlawful acts against innocent and unoffending states."

Had there been such an agreement among the nations of Europe, how different might have been the fate of Belgium! Greece would have been free from the invasion of the Entente allies, as well as from the implied threats of the Teutons and their British allies. But the agreement would have to be lived up to, which seems impossible in European affairs.

In answer to the reports that Villa had either been captured or that his capture was only a matter of a few days at most comes the report that he has a force of a thousand men, half of which are mounted, and that he is providing his commissariat with dried beef for a campaign. Of course, he stole the horses and the meat, but that is a mere detail.

Another Standard Oil tanker has been seized by the British and its contents confiscated. Looks like John D. was losing his influence, or else there would be a peremptory demand for its release.

The income tax law has been declared constitutional, which robs us of our last hope. Now all that's left for us is to pay up or go to jail. It seems to be just one tax after another these days, and most of them directed against the malefactors of great wealth, like the newspapermen.

In some sketches of "Who's Who in Washington," Nelson Harding of the Brooklyn Eagle has a picture of Senator Vardaman which puzzled us at first because the mouth is entirely missing. Then we remembered that Vardaman's mouth is never long enough in repose for even a moving picture camera to catch it.

Found a Secure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Cause for Regret.

While we are thoroughly in accord with the esteemed Fort Worth Record in its contention that any citizen of the United States has a right to criticize the President, yet we regret that such a good paper sees fit to assume the attitude of a faultfinder with regard to our chief executive. He has his faults; so has any one who would be placed in his stead. And it is always a question whether criticism will bring the good results that the right kind of support will give. We may all disagree with Mr. Wilson in petty matters but if we assume that he is wrong just because he differs with us isn't it taking unto ourselves considerable self importance?—Cleburne Review.

Just Like Texas.

Astronomers in the United States have discovered that Saturn is changing in color. It has, heretofore, been one of the most brilliant planets in the firmament, but it is now of a pinkish brown tint. Those Saturnites are burning off the grass and getting ready to plant another crop of turkeys and peanuts.—Hamilton Record.

Lack the Spirit.

Admiral Fletcher is deeply chagrined because the American fleet has no swift scout cruisers. Of course it hasn't. Since Daniels eliminated high life, there's been nothing to make the Navy go.—Corpus Christi Caller.

No Victim Ready.

The Republicans seem hard pressed for material out of which to build a President ticket. The fact is, that they have a hopeless cause and nobody cares to be sacrificed. The people of the United States are too wise to even think of changing administrations just at this critical period in the history of our Nation.—Florence Vidette.

Wisdom From the Mesquite.

Why all this talk of spending millions and millions for preparedness? Who are we to prepare against? The countries that had larger armies and more fighting equipment than the United States are now engaged in a life and death struggle that, no matter how it ends, will leave Russia, England, Germany and France with depleted armies and bankrupt treasuries. Certainly they will be in no position, when the European war is over, to start a new war with the United States. There is less reason now than before the European war for taking hundreds of millions of dollars from the American people to make this a military country.—Mesquite Mesquiter.

Ought to Investigate.

The Bank Robbers' Association of Oklahoma ought to meet and pass strong resolutions against ordinary citizens shooting down certain of their number recently. The good marksmanship of these laymen certainly deserves a close investigation.—Cleburne Review.

All Calculations Upset.

The difference between a United States submarine and an infernal machine is that you can not set the latter so you can tell when it's going to blow up.—Daily Texan.

+ THIS IS MY 67th BIRTHDAY +

DR. ARTHUR W. DE ROALDES.

Dr. Arthur W. De Roaldes, famous New Orleans surgeon, who has been honored by many governments, is 67 years old today. He is a native of Louisiana, and was born in Opelousas on Jan. 25, 1849, the son of a country doctor. He was educated in France, and began his medical training at the University of Louisiana. He completed his training at Paris, and was a surgeon in the International Amulance Corps during the Franco-Prussian War. He was decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor for his conspicuous work. Returning to America in 1872, he began practice in New Orleans. Soon he had charge of a hospital there, and in 1889 he founded the Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital of New Orleans. He is a member of the big surgical societies, and has attended the big international congresses on medicine and surgery. Gifts have come to him from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Russia for the services he has rendered the indigent sick. The Pope has conferred honors upon him, and his own city has presented him with a loving cup.

Announcement.

Mr. R. L. Bobbitt desires to announce that he is associated in the general practice of law with Mr. Asher R. Smith. Offices: Brannan Building, Laredo, Texas. 1-24-31.

MEXICO MONETARY SYSTEM IS MOST COMPLICATED ONE

PRACTICALLY WORTHLESS CARRANZA CURRENCY IS CAUSE.

Calculating Values on a Gold Basis, the Commercial and Industrial Life of Republic Concerned.

The monetary system of the republic of Mexico at this time is one of the most abstruse of solution and thoroughly complicated than at any time since the troublous revolutionary outbreak began in that country several years ago. The Carranza currency which is now the prime circulating medium of that country is acceptable in commercial lines in the republic only on a gold basis. The Carranza paper money has a value of five cents based on the value of an American dollar or on the basis of gold in Mexico, hence all negotiations made in commercial and industrial life there are based on the gold value of the money. Workmen employed in the mines of Mexico, and whose salary is equivalent to one dollar a day gold, are paid in like proportion in Carranza currency, or twenty pesos per day, placing the value of the Carranza peso in currency at five cents gold. In the first class hotels of Mexico one now pays forty pesos a day for meals, which is equivalent in gold to \$2.00, while ten pesos more is charged for a room.

Likewise the monetary system affects all other lines of business in the Mexican republic, with the exception of the street railway systems which are operated by foreigners, and these are compelled to take fares of five cents for a ride on the basis of the Carranza peso, which is equivalent to getting twenty rides for an American nickel. The street railway companies can not protest to this, as they have been given to understand that as a public utility they must accept the money that is being used as a recognized circulating medium—hence in some places in Mexico a party who has a lot of street car traveling to do can use the cars for a very small amount, and ride to and from his business every day.

Another public utility that is perforce obliged to accept Carranza currency at its par value of one peso is the telephone people, and where prior to the revolution the fee for monthly rental of a telephone in a home in Mexico was \$1.50 gold, now it is paid at the rate of three pesos Carranza currency, which is equivalent to fifteen cents gold or American money. Based on this principle, and not desiring to encounter heavy losses in their sales, Mexican merchants are necessarily compelled to charge exorbitant prices for foodstuffs, as for instance ham costs twenty-five pesos a kilo, bacon and other things in like proportion.

American wholesale merchants supplying the Mexican merchants with articles of all descriptions demand payment for their goods on a gold basis, and invariably the full amount of the bill of lading is payable at the last point on the American border where the goods are about to cross in to the Mexican territory. In most cases the shipments of goods from American to Mexican merchants are shipped to Laredo, Eagle Pass, El Paso, Brownsville and other points on the Texas border, where they are received by customs agents representing the Mexican merchants, the amount of bill of lading attached is paid in the equivalent of so much American gold and then the goods are crossed to the Mexican side of the river and allowed to proceed on the journey to their destination. American merchants, in other words, are not trusting their merchandise to cross the boundary line before it is paid for. This applies invariably in every case where a shipment of goods amounts to much. New York exchange is acceptable by agents of the American shippers, but this only after it has been determined that the bank issuing the same is still solvent—for some funny things occur in Mexico overnight and what is today is not tomorrow in many instances.

Thus it will be readily observed that Mexican merchants, being compelled to pay on the basis of gold for their goods must necessarily sell on a similar basis with a narrow margin of profit, and in order to do so they must seemingly charge an exorbitant price representative in the present circulating medium of the country. Until the monetary system becomes improved Mexico, and especially its poorer classes, are going to suffer from the worthless currency now being used.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

J. C. MARTIN, City Tax Assessor, 1-21-30.

ELIMINATE METER RENTAL FROM THE ELECTRIC BILLS

LAREDO ELEC. & RY. CO. ADDRESSES LETTER TO COUNCIL

State That After Month of March the Minimum Rate for Electric Current Will Be One Dollar.

The following is a copy of a letter received by Mayor McComb from President Morrison of the Laredo Elec. & Ry. Co. and contains news of a most gratifying nature to patrons of the electric company in Laredo:

Laredo, Texas, January 20, Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Laredo, Texas.

Gentlemen:—In appreciation of the co-operation of the citizens of Laredo and your honorable body in accordance with our policy of reducing our rates whenever possible to do so without interfering with reliable efficient service, we take pleasure in advising that for service rendered after March, 1916, the charge for meter rent will be eliminated on monthly bills amounting to one dollar or more.

Very truly yours, The Laredo Elec. & Ry. Co.

By R. W. Morrison, President.

As will be readily seen from the foregoing letter, patrons of the electric light company are to be saved the meter rent expense in future, as beginning April 1, 1916, that will be eliminated from bills amounting to one dollar or more. At this time a monthly rental of 25 cents is charged for each meter operating in a home or business house. Where the amount of electricity consumed now amounts to \$1 the total charge is \$1.25, including the meter rental, but now that the meter rent is to be abolished the lowest rate for consumers of electricity in Laredo will be \$1. On the other hand, those who do not use \$1 worth of electric "juice" each month, and pay meter rent, will hereafter have to pay the minimum price of \$1.

The decision of the electric company to eliminate the meter rental charge from the monthly bills of users of their current will meet with approval and commendation from everyone, as the saving to consumers, while small in each individual case, amounts to a great deal as a whole.

FIGURES ARE INTERESTING ANENT EXPORTS-IMPORTS

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF LAREDO CUSTOMS DISTRICT

Forwarded to Washington Today Shows Increases in Both Exports and Imports During 6 Months.

The semi-annual report of the collector of customs of the Laredo district was forwarded to Washington today by Special Deputy Collector Ed. Cotulla, and makes an interesting showing of exports and imports through this port to and from Mexico. The summary of the report shows as follows: the figures furnishing a comparative statement of the same periods during the years 1914 and 1915.

Imports from July 1, 1914, to Dec. 31, 1914.—Free of duty, \$2,243,178; dutiable, \$289,829, making a grand total of imports for the last six months of 1914 of \$2,533,007. For the same period of 1915 the imports were: Free of duty, \$1,962,978; dutiable, \$746,217, or a grand total of \$2,709,195. The increase shown for the last six months of 1915 over that of 1914 aggregated a total of \$176,182.

Exports from July 1, 1914, to Dec. 31, 1914, aggregated a total of \$1,268,778, while that for the last six months of 1915 totaled \$1,317,529, or an increase for the last half of 1915 over 1914 of \$3,048,751.

When the fact is taken into consideration that for about two months of the latter half of 1915 there were no trains in operation between Laredo and Brownsville of this district and Mexico, it will readily be seen that both exports and imports have been moving at a lively rate and the increases shown make substantial gains for the Laredo customs district.

Natural Complexion.

The cream colored complexion affected just now by some of the American newspapers is not a matter of taste, but of necessity. The war in Europe having cut off the supply of chemicals needed to bleach news print, the mills have been obliged to put the cream product on the market, saving such bleaching agents as they have still on hand for use in making book and writing paper. It is predicted that it will not be long before all American newspapers will come to the use of the cream tinted paper, unless American inventive genius should find some bleaching preparation which will improve the natural complexion of the news print turned out by the mills.—Brownsville Herald.

LITTLE LOCALS

—There will be another count, the second, made in the fire queen contest tomorrow and announced in the Times. If you have any votes cast them today for your favorite candidate and forge her to the front in tomorrow's count. Patrons of the numerous merchants handling votes are demanding them with purchases, and thus the people are assisting the fireboys.

—City Fish & Poultry Co. City Market. Fish, oysters and all kinds of sausage. Phone 201. 1-19-1m

—The great photoplay drama, "The Battle Cry of Peace," is a production that should be witnessed by all those who favor the ending of the terrible slaughter that is being committed on European battlefields. The drama is a very strong protest against war and is a practical call to arms for peace. Dont fail to see the play when it comes to the Strand on Feb. 15-16.

—Ladies', men's and boys' sweaters at reduced prices. Saft. 1-17-tf.

—A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Perez at their home, 502 Hidalgo street, on last Friday morning, January 21.

—Are you going to San Ignacio or Zapata? Take that Auto Mail and Passenger Service. Leaves Laredo at 8 a. m. and returns by 6:30 p. m. every day except Sunday. Passengers are taken for any intermediate points. Fare 5c a mile, minimum 50c. For any information call at Dodder Store. Extra for baggage. 12-29-1m

—The street railway company is still busy pushing operations on the diverting of their route to Lincoln street from the new bridge and are now working westward along that thoroughfare. It is expected to have the line completed along Flores Avenue and Lincoln street and the new cars in operation by February 22.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf

—The fire department racing team is now getting in excellent condition and rounding into form for the races with various visiting teams next month. All the members of the team are working boys and must take their practice runs of evenings, but this is most beneficial, for when they make a daylight run afterwards they go like they are possessed of wings.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—A basket ball team has been organized among the members of the Laredo Fire Department racing team and the new organization is planning a game with the Laredo High School squad within a very short time. The new team is now practicing and learning the rules and regulations of the game.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—When writing to friends or relatives at a distance remind them of the fact that there is going to be a big celebration here next month—the kind of celebration for which Laredo has become famed. It is expected now that the big event will start on February 20 and conclude on the evening of February 23—four big days of frolic and fun.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—The following deed has been filed for record with the county clerk: Walter Farr and wife to R. E. Farr, Sec. No. 112, containing 640 acres of land, and Sec. No. 1640, also containing 640 acres of land, all in Webb county. Consideration, \$2,000.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf

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From Wednesday's Daily.

LAREDO DEVELOPMENT WORK IS STRONGLY MANIFESTED

BY GREAT IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR

When Visitors Come Here For Celebration Next Month They Will Realize That Laredo Has Been Awake.

When Laredo is flooded with visitors during the big celebration next month they will be afforded an opportunity to note the great progress made by the Gateway City during the time that has elapsed since their visit here of a year ago. And when these visiting guests look about and make observations of the advancement work that has taken place since their trip last year, naturally Laredo will be the recipient of applause and commendation at their hands.

When the celebration visitors came to Laredo in February, 1914, there was no paved Jarvis Plaza, there was no three-story Mercy Hospital, no doubling Bender Hotel with court, no Royal Opera House, no handsome Laredo National Bank building, all notable improvements made in a year, and besides they will find numerous other buildings of minor importance that have been reared here since they visited Laredo last. And then, too, they will observe the fact that the street car track which for about thirty years had been undisturbed and ran an air-line from the railroad station, down side streets to the cemeteries, had diverted its track and now penetrated the business district (for the cars will be operating on Farragut street, Flores Avenue and Lincoln street by the time the celebration rolls around).

Others who will take a sight-seeing trip around the city and visit the different sections will find that the "song of the hammer and the saw" has been continuous and uninterrupted in this city, especially that part of the city known as the "Heights," where a veritable transformation has taken place within a year and several hundred cottages have been erected—one street alone Market, now being lined with a number of handsome dwellings in cottage or bungalow style. Hence, Laredo people can feel a pride this year when they call the attention of visitors to the great development that has taken place within a year here. But still this is nothing compared to what is promised for the next year.

SPORTING NOTES.

The annual meeting of the National Lawn Tennis Association will be held in New York on Friday, February 11.

A meeting of oarsmen from various parts of the South will be held in Washington on Saturday, and the new Southern Rowing Association will be formed.

New Orleans has a new fight arena, seating 18,500 fans. The first big mill scheduled there is the Kid Williams vs. Pete Herman match on Feb. 7.

The Boston marathon will be minus Edvard Fabre, the sensational Canadian runner, who has enlisted for service in the expeditionary forces. Fabre's appearance in the long run always spelled a swift race.

The skating championships begin at Chicago on Friday, the Northwestern speeders meet at Lake of the Isles, Minn., on Saturday and the eastern skaters race on February 12 at Newburg, N. Y.

The six-day cycle riders are completing their training at Chicago this week, in preparation for the long grind that begins next Wednesday.

That golfing is popular in the Southwest is shown by a record number of entries for the Southwestern championship tournament, to be held at Tucson, Ariz., on Saturday and Sunday.

The bowlers of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana gather at Aurora, Ill., tomorrow for the annual interstate tournament. Prizes totalling \$3,000 are up, and there is more interest than usual among the pin-busters.

Jacksonville, Fla., again gets the big rifle matches for this season. The teams will line up on October 23, and the army, marine corps, national guard and rifle clubs will be represented.

One of the veterans of the hockey rink will be seen in action tomorrow night at Montreal. He is Russel Bowles, long famous as the trickiest and quickest of the Canadian players. He steps from retirement to aid a benefit fund.

An example of real sportsmanship that older men might copy was shown in the football contest between the high schools of Detroit and Everett, Mass. The easterners tied their rivals in Detroit, and the captain of the Everett team insisted that the Everett team have the honors.

The team in the big leagues are now being shaped up for the season, and it would puzzle a fortune-teller to decide just what the teams will be like when the season opens.

The club owners of the National and American Leagues will meet in New York a week from next Tuesday, and the final deals will be pulled off at that meeting. The National League will celebrate its fortieth birthday on the following day, with President Tenney the host at a banquet.

It looks like soft pickling for Fulton in his bout with Porky Flynn at New Orleans on Friday night. Flynn is considered a second-rater in his home town, Boston, and will be no test for Fulton's try-out.

CARELESS.

I surely am a careless guy.
A careless guy is right.
Somewhere about this village I
Have lost my appetite.
Eddie Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

I know another careless guy:
I lent him ten, and he
Now passes me unnoticed by—
He's lost his memory.
—W. K. Maxwell, in Peoria Journal.

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MISS IRWIN RETAINS LEAD IN THE FIRE QUEEN CONTEST

POPULARITY CONTEST IS NOW SEETHING WITH INTEREST

Candidates in List Published Last Week, With Exception of Leader, Changed Places This Count.

The Fire Queen Contest of the Laredo Fire Department is bristling with interest at this time and the various candidates for fire queen are being boosted by those who favor their election. The vote cast so far can not be taken as an indication of what may be the eventual result, as there are comparatively few votes represented in the count with those which have been issued. Up to this morning about 30,000 votes had been issued to merchants by the firemen's committee having charge of the voting contest, and not one-quarter that number is represented in the count, which shows that many of those who have secured votes with purchases are holding them back for an opportune time. Hence it behooves the supporters of the various candidates for fire queen to be on the alert.

Miss Lillian Irwin, who last week in the initial count took the lead by a big majority, increased her standing today and remains the lead by a greater majority than before. Miss Anita Mullally takes second place, closely followed by several other candidates. The vote according to the count made by the committee this morning showed as follows:

Miss Lillian Irwin	3,650
Miss Anita Mullally	990
Miss Lillian Westbrook	875
Miss Courtney Slaughter	860
Miss Estelle Elstetter	820
Miss Estelle Moser	810
Miss Vera Sharkey	800
Miss Esther Herrsch	800
Miss Hazel Merriman	500
Miss Flora Bunn	500
Miss Josephine Staben	500
Miss Mary Louise Cone	500
Miss Edna Brown	500
Miss Mary Sames	500
Miss Elizabeth Mussett	500
Miss Dora Gullette	500
Miss Etta Thaison	500
Miss Myrtle Mackin	500
Miss Alice Denike	500
Miss Courtney Crutchfield	500

Another count will be made Saturday morning and the result published. Insist on merchants giving you votes with purchases and thereby boost the contest.

Announcement.

Mr. R. L. Bobbitt desires to announce that he is associated in the general practice of law with Mr. Asher R. Smith. Offices: Brannan Building, Laredo, Texas. 1-24-15.

Habeas Corpus Hearing Friday.

The application for a habeas corpus hearing made by Miguel Martinez, who is incarcerated in the county jail on a charge of criminal assault, will be heard by Judge Mullally in district court on Friday morning. Martinez was arrested about three weeks ago charged with the serious offense mentioned.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not too cold, but a temperature of about 90 degs. F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Takes Position in Laredo.

G. R. Chapman, an experienced electrician, arrived in Laredo yesterday afternoon to make his home. Mr. Chapman came here to accept a position with the Laredo Elec. & Tel. Supply Co. and will have charge of their house wiring.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

J. C. MARTIN,
City Tax Assessor.
1-21-30t.

Lime-Loss in Tuberculosis

In the Journal of the American Medical Association (January 17, 1914) was the following:
"It has been many times stated that in tuberculosis or in the pre-tuberculous stage an increased amount of calcium (lime) is lost, both in the urine and feces. In fact, a demineralization has been thought to be a forerunner of the development of tuberculosis."

"Forced feeding of tuberculosis patients and the enormous amount of eggs and milk once given such patients are not now considered advisable by a large number of physicians who are specializing in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis."

If tuberculosis is due to a loss of lime from the system, the success of Eckman's Alternative in the treatment of this disease may be due, in part, to the fact that it contains a lime salt so combined with other valuable ingredients as to be easily assimilated.

Always we have urged users of Eckman's Alternative to attend strictly to matters of food.

In addition to rest and proper diet, some effective remedial agent seems to be needed, and in numerous cases of apparent recovery from tuberculous and kindred throat and bronchial affections Eckman's Alternative has supplied this need.

It does not contain opiates, narcotics or habit-forming drugs, so it is safe to try. Your druggist has it or will order it, or you can get it from us direct.

Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
Miss Clara Nelson will entertain the Parish Guild of Christ Church at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold a called business meeting at the Methodist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday.
Ladies Card Club will meet at the Ninth Infantry at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained by Mrs. Jos. Brewster at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Philosophy.
"Oh, graybeard, do you not repine That all of love's delights are o'er?" "Nay, much rejoicing now is mine. For I feel love's regrets no more!" —Harold Sussman.

General Mention.
Colonel and Mrs. Crane left yesterday for a several day's visit to San Antonio.

Miss Anna Bayha of New Braunfels is a guest of Mrs. S. W. DeWolf and will remain for about ten days. Miss Bayha is a niece of Mr. J. O. Buecz and made her home in Laredo in the past.

Miss Katherine Coulter, after a several days' visit to Colonel and Mrs. Brown, expects to return to her home in San Antonio today.

Lieutenant Crane expects to leave Laredo in a few days to join the Fourth Field Artillery at Fort Merced.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Clark of Fort McIntosh have been ordered to the Philippines and will leave here sometime in February, sailing in March.

Mr. Clark is in the quartermaster department and this is the second time he has been in Laredo. Mrs. Clark has made many warm friends while here, as she is an energetic church worker and has identified herself in the church and church work and also belongs to the Eastern Star, and their many friends regret to see them go.

Dinner Dance.
A charming hospitality of last evening was the dinner dance given by Major Switzer at the Ninth Infantry Club. The table was lovely in its decorations of red and white carnations, while the place cards were carried out in the same colors. A six-course dinner was served and covers were laid for General and Mrs. Evans, Colonel and Mrs. Bryan, Major and Mrs. Gray, Captain and Mrs. Loeb, Captain and Mrs. Bell, Captain and Mrs. Ryan, Captain and Mrs. Smith, Captain and Mrs. Read, Captain and Mrs. Kinney, Captain and Mrs. Anderson, Lieutenant and Mrs. Moore, Lieutenant and Mrs. Drane, Lieutenant and Mrs. Gray, Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Y. Harris, Lieutenant and Mrs. Clement, Lieutenant and Mrs. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Mulliken, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fish; Misses Mary Sames, Clarissa Ryan, Olive Gray, Alice Gray, Bailey, Myrtle Mackin, Bess Goldmann, Mary Louise Cone, Courtney Crutchfield, Lucile Murphy, Zara Mowry; Lieutenants Stevens, Evans, Simpson, Tucker, Cronin, Bishop, Herr, Gil, Crane, Robson, Woodruff, Captain Baker, Captain Hanson, Robert Ennis. In the intervals between courses many original musical numbers, solo dances and comic features were given.

Dr. and Mrs. John Tucker Halsell entertained very informally at dinner last evening. The table decorations were violets and narcissus with ferns, surrounded by tapers in brass candlesticks. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Haynes, Mrs. Henry Garlick of Cincinnati, Mrs. Carrie Halsell, Miss Oberfeldt, Mr. Edgar Garlick and the host and hostess.

Entertainments.
Mrs. E. J. Foster entertained the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club and a few guests most delightfully yesterday afternoon, and was assisted by Mrs. J. B. Morton. The rooms were most tastefully arranged, the color note being pink and green, which was carried out in all the appointments. Pink La France roses and ferns were used in profusion and a luncheon was served from small tables which were laid with mayonnaise over pink. Silver candlesticks holding pink shaded tapers were placed in the center of each table. The place favors were small pin cushions in the shape of tea pots. The refreshments were sliced turkey, dressing, potato cones, fruit salad, biscuit, and coffee. After a series of games Mrs. E. H. Buecz, holding high score, was given the club prize, a piece of pink crocheting. Mrs. Hal Irby Greer was given the guest prize, six iced-tea glasses. Those present were: Mesdames H. W. Johnson, Jos. Vidales, A. R. Vidauri, J. S. Penn, E. H. Buecz, S. M. Blaw, O. J. Cook, J. B. Morton, Hal Irby Greer, Frank Higgins, Pierce of Maine, Sam Withoff, H. Stow Garlick, W. T. Hill, J. B. DaCamara; Misses Hale and Goldmann.

Club Notes.
Christ Church Junior Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the rectory yesterday afternoon. This was a social meeting and the children enjoyed the afternoon in playing games. At the conclusion of the play hour, refreshments were served to the members present, who were: Josephine Brewster, Margery Fish, Catherine Woods, Gretchen Woods, Anita Laue,

PERSONALS

Carlos Morton of Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, arrived in the city yesterday.

J. R. Withers, prominent cattleman of Encinal, arrived in the city yesterday on a short business visit.

Capt. J. J. Sanders of the State Rangers, arrived in the city yesterday over the Texas-Mexican.

H. L. Jackson of Convery's Undertaking Parlor, returned this morning from a several days pleasure trip to his old home in San Antonio.

O. Pratt accompanied by his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. T. Pratt and Mrs. George Schwartz of Encinal, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for a short visit and are stopping at the Hamilton.

ROSS:—G. R. Chapman, Dick Overstreet, San Antonio; W. E. Harwood, Austin; W. J. Watkins, Chicago; Carlos Morton, Villadamo; Lorenzo Cardenas, San Antonio; R. L. Stiff, St. Louis; A. F. Hlatt, San Antonio; Pedro L. Gomez, Monterey.

HAMILTON:—H. G. Bass, El Paso; A. G. Field, G. F. Hutchins, H. A. Harris, R. W. Brandt, L. D. Mahaffey, C. C. Cooley, Tampico; A. R. Bacon, H. E. Thornton, San Antonio; C. D. Linn, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. J. Schwartz, O. Pratt, Encinal; Mrs. H. T. Pratt, Warrensburg, Mo.; S. A. Yates, Ranch; J. R. Withers, Encinal; R. M. Johnson, Isllitas; Mr. and Mrs. Pat V. Milmo, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, A. A. Stewart, Mexico.

BENDER:—B. M. Moore, Chicago; P. L. Cabb, Kansas City; Macedonio de la Peña, E. M. Lewis, San Antonio; J. M. Myers, Dresch, Monterrey; C. Hanson, San Antonio; H. T. Oliver, Mexico; John G. Rix, Fort Worth; Alfred Stein, Atlanta, Ga.; Edwin Bleuin, New Orleans, La.; W. H. Omers, Mario M. Blasquez, San Antonio; A. W. Taylor, Asherton; Mrs. Cegral G. Nelson, Beaumont; Atanacio Sanchez, Jose Perez Garza, Monterey; J. T. Faust, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. G. C. Barton, Los Angeles, Cal.; A. D. Heydon, Kansas City; D. D. Davis, Dolores; A. H. Moran, D. J. Moran, San Antonio; L. E. Carriose, Sulphur Springs; C. V. Brock, Austin; G. A. Schley, Sulphur Springs; Ralph W. Smith, San Antonio; M. Santacilia y Juarez Vda. de Obregon and family, San Antonio; J. D. Seamounts, S. V. Patrick, San Antonio; D. Lewaney, Mexico City; H. A. Corleto, Dallas; Jarrier Salcido, San Antonio.

UNCLE ABNER.
Hank Tumms ain't took a drink for goin' on a year. It has been goin' on a year for almost two days.

The fellows that see the most are the fellows that talk the least.

A lot of fellows write illegibly simply becus they can't spell.

When a feller knows it all there is no use tryin' to tell him anything except'n' something that ain't so and he'll gen'ally swaller that, lock, stock and bar'l.

Who ever heard of a bride that wasnt "beautiful and accomplished."

I never see a president of a railroad or a trust magnet who had a reputation as a fine dancer.

Hank Tumms says he is gettin' so skeptical lately that when anybody offers to give him anything he always wonders who is the matter with it.

There is only one thing as uncertain in this world as a woman, and that is some other woman.

The Rev. Hanks smelled whisky on Hod Peters' breath the other day and chided him for drinking. Hod says the domine goes altogether too much on circumstantial evidence.—Brooklyn Eagle.

NOT A NATIVE.
A New York man took a run not long ago into Connecticut, to a town where he had lived as a boy.

On his native heath he accosted a venerable old chap of some eighty years, who proved to be the very person the Gothamite sought to answer certain inquiries concerning the place.

As the conversation proceeded the New Yorker said:

"I suppose you have always lived around here?"

"No," said the old man; "I was born two good miles from here."—Harper's Monthly.

Mary Cook, Anna May Mussett and Ralph Cook.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. Abshere as leader. The subject of the day was "Lessons from the Birds," and an interesting talk was made by the leader. At rollcall each member responded with a verse from the Scriptures about birds. There were a number of hymns which were enthusiastically sung. Those present were: Annie Claffin, Lena Hobson, Mary Woods, Clarinda Trent, Luther Almand, Archie Jarret, Wallace Abshere, Henry Woods and James Burr.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, held a very interesting and pleasant meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. R. L. Sutton, on the Heights. The first part of the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Wharton, and the topic was: "Ministerial Relief and Education." Mrs. Borchers and Mrs. Hopkins read short sketches on the continuation of the work of this branch of the church. The subject for the study was "India," which was conducted by Mrs. Hopkins, and in which all the members took part.

At the conclusion of the session the hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake, and tea. Those present were: Mesdames Borchers, Wharton, Pratt, Macollory, Sorrell, Gray, Clark, Earnest, Hazel, Riggs, Ranney, Sweetman, Hopkins and the hostess. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Wharton on Tuesday afternoon at half after three.

AUSTRIA WANTS TO KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO WITH FOREIGN VESSELS THAT ARE ARMED

Cites Case of Italians Steamers Verona and Giuseppe Verdi, Both of Which have Reached American Ports With Guns Mounted—This is the First Official Protest that has been Made Concerning the Matter.

REMEMBER OROZCO IS VILLA'S CRY NOW

VILLA INCITING HATRED OF MEXICANS FOR AMERICANS

BY MEMORY OF OROZCO'S KILLING.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 26.—Francisco Villa, now in western Chihuahua, defying the Carranza forces, is using the cry: "Remember Orozco," to stir up hatred against Americans and win more followers to himself, according to foreigners reaching the border today.

Suggests American Patrol.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 26.—An American patrol in northern Mexico was urged today by the National Live Stock Association in a resolution here.

NO MORE STRIKES.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—No more miners' strikes following the expiration of contracts will take place so long as negotiations for new wage contracts are pending. It was decided today by the United Mine Workers of America after a long debate. This is regarded as an important industrial development.

PRESIDENT TO APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

Washington, Jan. 26.—When President Wilson speaks in New York tomorrow in support of his programme for national defense, he will begin a programme of heart-to-heart talks with the American people in explanation of the situation of the country in the topsy-turvy world of today. It is believed that he will base his arguments on the facts that he has been patiently collecting and on the actual conditions of international affairs as he knows them. The supporters of the President are overjoyed at his decision to bring his case direct to the people. For months a campaign has been waged to defeat the project for greater national defense, and this propaganda has spread the country with ideas that befog the main issue as pronounced by President Wilson. While political sooth-sayers are predicting that the President's "sawing around the circle" means the undermining of Bryan's pet theories, those close to the White House believe that the President has reached the conclusion that the public is not yet sufficiently awakened to the dangers of the times and the vast amount of preliminary work needed to put the nation in shape to repel foreign aggression. This lack of realization is the prompter of the speaking tour, it is said, for President Wilson realizes how hard it is to break that feeling of security which has such a firm hold in American life. Within a year, the President himself has been a convert to the belief that danger may lurk ahead. He was not alterably opposed to increasing armament or other preparation. He changed his views, and those who know the nature of the man realize that abundance of reason must have been brought to bear to effect this change. His views, formed throughout a long and active interest in American affairs and American ideals, were not shattered by theories, it is realized.

The present speaking tour is considered by President Wilson the most important effort of his career at the White House, the arousing of the people to a sense of their obligations to back him in his determination to safeguard their interests. It is said to be his plan to make the tour a non-partisan affairs. Even his political opponents do not claim that he is campaigning. As a matter of fact, on the tour he has the backing of a goodly section of the Republican senators and Congressmen, offsetting the Bryanites of his own party who are fighting the defense programme.

To put the speaking tour more pointedly, it is the attempt of the Administration to remove the cobwebs and fog from the national preparedness issue and to lift it out of the mire of politics as played in Congress. The people of the United States will be given a direct view of the big issue of the day.

"Go To Church Sunday."

If you were wrecked on the ocean and your boat was stranded on an unknown island you would be mighty glad to see a church, even if you had never been inside of one in your life. You wouldn't live in a city that had no churches. You would be mighty sorry to hear that the churches of Laredo had closed their doors. Then why not go to church and show your appreciation of her work in this city?

Remember the date, Feb. 13, 1916.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Austro-Hungarian government, through its local embassy, today asked the United States what it intends to do about Italian ships coming to American ports with guns mounted. The steamer Verona arrived a few days ago with guns. The steamer Giuseppe Verdi several weeks ago was the first case of the kind.

French Attacks Repulsed.

London, Jan. 26.—A great number of counter attacks by the French to recapture positions taken by the Germans in the western fighting were repulsed, according to a Berlin statement. The fighting was hand to hand and severe. The British forces in Mesopotamia made another attack on the Turks but quit after appalling losses, according to a Constantinople report.

Under Japanese Tutelage.

London, Jan. 26.—Japan has made seven demands upon China which were included in last spring's negotiations but were held in abeyance, according to reports to the Manchester Guardian today. Further concessions by China would virtually put the country under Japanese tutelage, say the British critics. Perhaps sentiment here opposes this.

England Receives Protest.

London, Jan. 26.—Great Britain today transmitted a note to America acknowledging receipt of the recent complaint against the holding up of mails and promising a formal reply as soon as France approves England's course. The Entente allies claim that Germany is abusing the first-class mail privileges by mailing contraband.

BATTLED WITH SNOW.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—Northern transcontinental railroads today succeeded in opening traffic from the Atlantic to the Pacific after a week's battle with snow.

OKLAHOMA OIL ADVANCED.

By Associated Press.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 26.—A five-cent advance in Oklahoma and Kansas crude oil today brought the price up to \$1.30. Several companies are paying a premium of 10 cents a barrel in addition to the market price.

HE SWALLOWS SWORDS.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26.—As a proof to friends of his unhyphenated devotion to the land of his adoption, Signor Gregorio Carcuti, a sword-swallower and cannon-ball juggler well-known to thousands of sode-show followers, today offered his services to the United States Marine Corps in the event of this country being plunged into a foreign war.

Sergeant Louie W. Putnam, of the local recruiting office of the Marine Corps on South State Street, received Carcuti's application and entered the patriotic showman's name on his list of possible war-time volunteers.

"Now if we could only get Bosco, who eats 'em alive, to volunteer," Sergeant Putnam mused, "I'd feel that the United States Marine Corps was pretty well prepared for any eventuality."

EXPLAIN NEW AIDS FOR FARMERS.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 26.—National and state agricultural experts will address the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture today and tomorrow on the recent government measures to aid the farmers. Rural credits will play a large part in the discussions. Congressman Ralph W. Moss of Indiana, a member of the U. S. Commission recently sent abroad to study rural credits and marketing, will explain in detail the new government measure. Congressman A. F. Lever of South Carolina will tomorrow speak on the Smith-Lever act, which provides for joint national and State appropriations to carry on agricultural extension work.

Special Weather Report.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the Government weather bureau wired the following special forecast:

"Cold wave; temperature will fall 30 to 40 degrees by Thursday night."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Thursday, rain; colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 78 degs.
Min. temp. 62 degs.
General direction of wind: South.

Cloudy.

Fine Feeling.

It was a fine touch of feeling and sentiment that actuated the Child Welfare Board of New York in having the city auditor make remittance of pensions to 161 women by checks to them through the mail instead of the presentation of the amounts in person by charity workers. This method of placing the pension money in the hands of the deserving women who were thus recognized and compensated because they are caring for more than five hundred children was supplemented by a kindly letter to each recipient informing her that the pension was granted because of her services to the State.—Austin American.

PRIMITIVE TOOLS USED BY SURGEON

A DOCTOR IN WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS SAVED WOMAN'S LIFE BY AUDACIOUS OPERATION.

By Associated Press.

Elkins, W. Va., Jan. 26.—The life of a woman dying of diphtheria was saved by a resourceful surgeon, who used a pocket knife, two tin spoons and a piece of rubber tubing, according to advices reaching here today from the mountains near here. The surgeon, Dr. H. W. Daniel, found the woman unconscious. He slit her windpipe and forced the rubber tube in, reestablishing breathing.

ACTIVITY OF BREWERS.

By Associated Press.

Sulphur Springs, Texas, Jan. 26.—Letters tending to show the activity of the defendant brewing companies in politics, especially as to buying poll tax receipts, were read today in the anti-trust hearing here.

NO NEW PROJECTS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The rivers and harbors committee today voted to confine the appropriations to authorize projects and not to consider new projects. This would hold the appropriations down to \$44,000,000.

SIX LOST THEIR LIVES.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—Six men lost their lives in a five-story building fire today. Three were killed jumping from the fourth floor and the others were suffocated.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

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From Thursday's Daily.

HATRED FOR AMERICANS.

Two significant features of the news yesterday were the statements that Villa is using the rallying cry of "Remember Orozco" to stimulate the hatred of the Mexicans for the Americans, and that the National Live Stock Association had adopted a resolution urging an American patrol of northern Mexico.

A certain element among the Mexicans always has hated and probably always will hate the Americans. Their alleged reason for this hatred is the "seizure of Mexican territory after the war of 1848," as some of the mischief making Mexican papers term it, but the real reason back of it all is the hatred of an ignorant person for one who possesses any knowledge.

The Mexicans of good repute who have learned a trade or occupation do not hate the Americans for the reason that they feel themselves (and naturally) the equal of anybody. They cannot be led into expressions of antagonism to the American people because they have no such feeling toward us.

Villa's hatred of the American is only recent in outward semblance. He has always hated us as only an ignorant, debased and degraded man can hate those whom he knows to be his mental and moral superiors. But his most recent cause for the open expression of that hatred is the recognition of Carranza and the moral (if not material) support which our government has given to his enemies.

The killing of Orozco came about in a perfectly natural manner. He was engaged in unlawful acts upon our soil, while he was a fugitive from justice. There is nothing to indicate that the men who killed him knew that he was the escaped prisoner, or that he was even a Mexican. He was engaged in cattle and horse stealing and that has always been a justifiable excuse in the Southwest for shooting at sight.

Naturally, there are a great many Mexicans who will listen to the plea of Villa and his followers that Orozco was killed because he was a Mexican. The elements of race hatred are always present among the debased and ignorant, and the men who are at present following the banner of Villa are among the most debased and ignorant of a class that represents the lowest that can be found in Mexico.

The recent killing of an American who had crossed the border to recover stolen cattle is a proof that death is always lurking where a Mexican thief has his quarters. The American was unarmed, he offered no resistance, and he was deliberately shot in the back and killed while attempting to escape.

That his assassins were executed shows that there is some attempt being made to convince us of the good faith of Carranza and his officials. But unless all of that class are rounded up and either shot or driven away from the border, there probably will be more American deaths.

This brings us to the suggestion of the cattlemen for an American patrol of the border country. The inability of the Carranza forces was never better illustrated than by their failure to clear the border country of desperados. And if the depredations were merely confined to Mexican territory we should have no right to complain, but the Americans living near the border are constantly robbed and assaulted by Mexican raiders.

The Carranza government will naturally reject any plan for our troops to aid in establishing order. They look upon every statement that they do not have the situation under control as a reflection upon their capacity to govern.

But the question is whether the lives and the property of Americans are of more importance to our government than the mere feelings of people who have never shown us the slightest consideration.

Granting that the confession of inability to handle the situation does reflect upon the capacity of the Carranza government, is that our fault? We lived in security along the border for many years when Diaz with his iron rule kept down lawlessness. And we never heard any complaints from him that we were transgressing our limits in demanding security from Mexican raiders.

THE LUSITANIA CASE.

Our government has rejected the latest proposal from Germany concerning a settlement of the Lusitania demands. The strangest feature of the German proposal was the statement that it had been dictated more by friendship for the United States than by law.

The German contention is that she is not liable under the law for the death of the Americans lost on the Lusitania, but that she is willing to concede much to this country because of the friendship she feels for us!

As well might any other deliberate murderer say that the law cannot

punish him for his crime, but that out of consideration for the judge he will confess to his guilt.

Germany's contention all through the present war has been that there is no law that will compel her to do what any individual would want to do were there none but a moral obligation upon him. Her contempt for treaties, her invasion of a weaker nation with which she was at peace, her deliberate sinking of peaceful vessels in order to do an injury to an enemy—all have been dictated by her arrogant assumption of superiority to all law.

Germany's arrogance is in line with her recognition of the "divine right," a doctrine that has been exploded for centuries and discarded as a relic of medieval barbarism. A country that believes "the king can do no wrong" is bound to apply the same theory to the nation, and to put in practice a code which everyone recognizes as mischievous and dangerous.

Germany is not superior to law, any more than the weakest of nations. She will some day be held to a strict accounting for the criminal acts she has committed during the present war, just as England and France will be called to account for their illegal acts. The world is growing less tolerant of abuses and national as well as personal responsibility is recognized by all civilized people.

For the killing of the Americans who lost their lives in the Lusitania horror, Germany is as responsible as would be a man who emptied his pistol into a crowd in the hope of killing an enemy.

The German government is a victim of moral obliquity that prevents it from seeing things as they are. It is a form of moral strabismus that causes its victim to see everything distorted and the red mist of war which covers everything also colors the view of the beholder.

From this side of the water we can see things dispassionately, and we have not lost our viewpoint even in such cases as that of the Lusitania, when our citizens were slaughtered in the heat of war-endangered passion. We ask only what is just and right, and we are determined to have justice from Germany or any other nation that infringes our rights.

The calm insolence of the statement that Germany would not have conceded as much as she has were it not for the friendship which she feels for us is beyond conception by the ordinary person who does not enter into the German state of mind.

Fortunately, our administration is familiar with the German assumption of superiority to the rest of the world, and so the insolent message loses its sting, the only part of the message that was intended by the German government to be considered.

Were the German diplomats to forget the devious ways of their underhanded diplomacy long enough to be frank with us, they probably would tell us that they do not consider us of sufficient importance to worry about. That is the real meaning behind all this diplomatic tangle, with its interminable "conversations" and notes.

The matter has stretched through weary months of correspondence, and it should have been settled long ago. Germany is aware that she will have to give in finally, but she is determined to hold back the concession to our demands until the latest possible moment.

Germany is responsible for the lives of the Americans lost—responsible under the law—and we need not consider her "condescension" in offering us a compromise as one would give a toy to a child.

"Remember Orozco" may be a perfectly good slogan, but it will never have the effect that "Remember the Alamo" had. There is a great difference between righteous vengeance and vindictive hatred.

According to a new Philippine bill now before the house, the Filipinos are to be given their independence within four years. Then the world will be given an exhibition of a revolution that will make the affairs in Mexico seem like a Sunday school picnic.

Great Britain makes the counter charge to our protest against interference with our mails that Germany is abusing mail privileges by mailing contraband. But we have yet to hear of a submarine being carried by parcel post.

Austria wants to know what we are going to do about Italian ships coming to our ports with guns mounted. Just what we did about the Austrian submarine outrages that murdered Americans—write a few polite and meaningless notes and watchfully wait.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effective for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

STATE FIRE COMMISSION AGAIN REDUCES KEY RATE
LETTER WRITTEN CHIEF BIGGIO EXPLAINS ACTION TAKEN

Further Reduction of 15 Per Cent in Key Rate for Year is Announced as Result of Good Fire Record.

As an illustration of the recognized efficiency of the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department made at the hands of the Texas Fire Insurance Commission, the key rate of Laredo has been materially reduced in the past year. At the end of the year 1915 the fire commission, after summarizing the work done and the preparedness of the local fire department to handle any emergency that might present itself in the way of a conflagration, etc., and the further fact that the fire fighters, at their own expense, had provided their organization with an efficient fire-fighting apparatus in the new motor truck chemical, has written in most laudatory terms of the Laredo fire organization. The following letter received by Chief C. C. Biggio is also self-explanatory:

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24, 1916.
Mr. C. C. Biggio, Chief of Fire Department, Laredo, Texas.

Dear Sir:—We are this day in receipt of affidavit with reference to the automobile chemical installed in the fire department of your city, and we take pleasure in advising that we are this day preparing a supplement to the key rate of Laredo, allowing credit for same.

Trusting the above is the desired information, and that you will call upon us when we may be of service to you, we remain,

Yours truly,
A. R. ANDREWS,
Fire Insurance Commission.

Supplementing this letter information has been supplied relative to the obtaining of credits for good fire records for the three years ending December 31, 1915, through which the maximum credit will be allowed. This information shows the premiums collected and losses paid for the above mentioned period. The Texas General Basis Schedules allow credits for good fire record as follows: "For each 5 per cent or fraction thereof less than 55 per cent loss ratio for three calendar years next preceding, 3 per cent; for maximum credit, 15 per cent. These credits apply to cities or towns having a key rate of 80 or under. The key rate of Laredo now is 42 cents. As the loss ratio in Laredo was only 18 per cent the policy holders will receive the benefit of the maximum credit of 15 per cent. The same credit of 15 per cent was allowed for the good fire record for the three years ending December 31, 1915. These credits are in addition to the reduction secured in the key rate—this 15 per cent reduction applies on the local insurance rate.

Thus it will be readily observed that Laredo's Volunteer Fire Department has contributed its efforts to that extent where it has not only stipulation, sour stomach or gas. A lowered the insurance key rate of the city, but simultaneously has resulted in other good and in causing Laredo property-owners to get rebates on their insurance. That the fire department is worthy the support of Laredo people is strongly demonstrated by the facts and figures contained in the foregoing statements.

"Well, I Should Say 'Gets-It' DOES Work"

"Look a' There, If You Don't Think It's Just Wonderful for Corns!"

"Bless my stars, look at it! Land of the living! Why, just look at it! That corn came right off—just like peeling bananas. Put your finger on my



"Did You Ever See the Like? No Wonder 'Gets-It' is the Biggest Selling Corn Cure in the World!" Too, right there—don't be afraid—that's it—feel how smooth the skin is! Well, that's where the corn was. Well, that beats all! That's the way "Gets-It" works on all corns, every corn, every time. It's the new, simple way of curing corns. You'll say goodbye to all foolish contraptions like bandaging, sticky tape, plasters, toe-eating salves, and grave-diggers such as knives, razors and scissors. "Gets-It" stops pain. Applied in 2 seconds. Never fails. Nothing to stick to, hurt or press on the corn. "Gets-It" is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Flavio Vargas.

FIRST EXTRADITION PAPER SERVED WITHIN FIVE YEARS

WILL BE HONORED BY GOVERNOR CABALLERO OF TAMAULIPAS.

Extradition of Crescencio Barrera, Wanted for Murder in Zapata County, Will Be Honored.

District Attorney John A. Valls received a letter from Governor James E. Ferguson this morning in which the chief executive of the state advised the district attorney that the warrant of extradition for Crescencio Barrera, charged with the killing of Antonio Gomez in Zapata county on November 12, 1915, and who later escaped to Mier, Mexico, where he was arrested by Mexican officials and held under instructions from Governor Luis Caballero, had been issued and would be sent immediately to Antonio Salinas, sheriff of this county. As soon as Sheriff Salinas receives the extradition papers he will immediately leave for Starr county, going to Roma, from where he will cross over to Mier, Mexico, and there the prisoner will be surrendered to him by the Mexican officers, who have held him in the Mexican jail at the behest of Governor Caballero.

Tabloid History of Case.

For the first time since 1911, when President Diaz abandoned the presidential chair in Mexico, will a demand made by the United States, or rather the state of Texas, upon Mexico for the surrender of a criminal be honored, and that will be in the case of Crescencio Barrera, who is charged with the murder of Antonio Gomez in Zapata county on November 12. On November 16 Barrera crossed the river into Mexico and on November 24, while in hiding incognito on his father's ranch near Mier, Mexico, he was arrested by the Mexican authorities in Mier at the request of a Texas officer who accompanied them to the ranch and Barrera has since been held as a prisoner in Mier subject to negotiations that have been pending which would eventually result in his extradition to this country.

Besides being the first official extradition honored by the Mexican government in five years, it will likewise be the first under the Carranza regime and a direct sequel of the meeting in Nuevo Laredo in November of Governor Ferguson of Texas and Gov. Luis Caballero of Tamaulipas, Mexico, when an unbound agreement was reached between them that one would co-operate with the other in the apprehension of criminals who might seek immunity from punishment by crossing from one to the other side of the river. The first test of the fulfillment of the pact has been made and Governor Caballero is now holding Barrera a prisoner in Mier subject to the demand for his extradition by the governor of Texas.

HOW APPENDICITIS CAN BE PREVENTED.

Laredo people should know that a few doses of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. This simple mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE containing stipation, sour stomach or gas. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. Adler-ika has easiest and most thorough action of anything we ever sold. The City Drug Co.

LAREDO WIDOW WANTS MATE.

No Necessity for Laredo Romeos or Widowers to Look Away, for Juliet Right is Here at Home.

Widows from far-away Massachusetts, Maine and New York on one side of the country, and from Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado on the other side, have failed to "phase" some of the frugal old bachelors of the Laredo community, but as "opportunity knocks but once at your door," here is a "Juliet" right here at home who wants a husband, and such a match would turnish local color to a pretty romance. The following letter was received by the Times yesterday and is self-explanatory:

"Wanted:—A widow lady with a daughter 11 years old wants to marry a man from the city that is able to support her and child and who will respect her child like his own. A man from 30 to 50 years preferred so she can have a home. She hasn't got any work to make a living. Call from 4 to 5 in afternoons. Call at 1402 Santa Maria Avenue, Laredo, Texas."

Being that this applicant for a husband resides right here in Laredo, there is obviated from consideration the expense of a long journey from some of the faraway states, and no doubt some of the old bachelors or widowers will take advantage of the economic opportunity offered them.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

* THIS DATE IN HISTORY * * THIS IS MY 66th BIRTHDAY *

- JANUARY 27 SAMUEL GOMPERS.
- 1832—Died—Andrew Bell, founder of Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, an organization of two millions of American workingmen, is 66 years old today. This is his thirty-fourth year at the labor helm. He has been through some strenuous battles, not only with the opponents of labor organization, but with other leaders in labor unions. Gompers has fought consistently for many years for the cause of the Federation, which is to render employment and means of subsistence less precarious by securing to the workers an equitable share of the fruits of their labor. Gompers was born in England on January 27, 1850. He was a cigar-maker by trade, and in his youth became interested in the organization of workers for collective bargaining. He became a popular public speaker and acquired the art of organization. He was later one of the founders of the American Federation, which bound together the various trades unions of the United States. Mr. Gompers is one of the leaders in the National Civic Federation, which is bringing labor questions to a better understanding with the public and healing the differences between capital and labor.
- 1861—Grand Jury at Washington indicted former Secretary of War John B. Floyd of Virginia, charging complicity in abstracting of bonds and conspiracy.
- 1893—Died—James G. Blaine, American political leader, aged 63.
- 1894—Brazilian revolutionists on American and German ships at Rio de Janeiro.
- 1901—Kaiser made a field marshal of the British Army.
- 1901—Memorial services for Queen Victoria held throughout the British Empire.
- 1903—John D. Rockefeller gave seven millions to aid in search for tuberculosis cure.
- 1909—Newfoundland fisheries treaty signed by Bryce and Root.
- 1914—President Wilson signs order establishing civil government in Canal Zone, beginning April 1.
- 1915—Provisional President Garza fled from Mexico City, on approach of Carranza.
- 1915—THE WAR.
- French operations check Germans north and south of the Belgian frontier. Egyptian forces check the advance of Turks near Suez Canal. Austrians drive Russians from Uzsok Pass in the Carpathians.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

J. C. MARTIN,
City Tax Assessor.
12130t.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

Subscribe for THE TIMES—50 cts. per month.

KAISER INSPECTS CAPTURED GUNS

During one of his recent flying trips to the various fronts, the kaiser inspected guns which were captured from the Russians. The kaiser can be seen (third man from left) surrounded by his staff. In the background the autos are waiting to speed the party off to another point along the front.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The following deed has been filed for record with the county clerk since last report: John W. Barnes and wife to J. D. Merriman, lot No. 7, in block No. 379, W. D. Consideration, \$600.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-tf.

—Tomorrow is the last day on which bids for the construction of the Bertani building will be received—in fact they will be opened tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and the successful bidder for the work will no doubt be announced soon thereafter.

—City Fish & Poultry Co. City Market. Fish, oysters and all kinds of sausage. Phone 201. 1-19-1m.

—Up to 9 o'clock this morning, including exemption certificates issued, and which are considered equivalent to tax receipts, a total of 850 poll taxes were issued by the county tax collector and the rush was on in full blast. With a full representation of eligible voters the total should go to at least 1,500 by Monday evening.

—Ladies', men's and boys' sweaters at reduced prices. Saft. 1-17-tf.

—As will be seen by statement published in article elsewhere in this issue, there is another reduction made in the fire insurance keyrate of Laredo as a result of the efficiency of the fire department. This saves thousands of dollars to Laredo property owners. How many of them will be liberal enough to buy a few fire queen votes to help the fireboys along? Just watch and see.

—Are you going to San Ignacio or Zapata? Take that Auto Mail and Passenger Service. Leaves Laredo at 8 a. m. and returns by 6:30 p. m. every day except Sunday. Passengers are taken for any intermediate points. Fare 5c a mile, minimum 50c. For any information call at Dodder Store. Extra for baggage. 12-29-1m.

—The Royal Opera House has closed a contract for the engagement of a large vaudeville troupe which will arrive here within a short time. There are a set of seven acts on the proposed program. The date of the engagement of the artists in this city will be announced later.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf.

—A party arriving from Central Mexico reports that many of the industrial plants have resumed work, all the smelters going on full time, likewise the oil operations. However, some of the gold mines are slow in resuming operations on account of uncertainty of conditions in certain sections of the country.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—Only four more days remain in which you can qualify yourself to exercise the privilege of an American citizen and vote at elections this year, and that by being armed with the requisite poll taxes. It is probable that both county and city tax collectors will keep open office until midnight Monday to accommodate those who deferred the payment of their poll taxes until the last moment.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—Conditions in the onion fields are more propitious at this time than they were before the recent cold spells, but with a few more real touches of winter the bugs will all have hibernated and onions will be allowed to grow unmolested. The fields have a variety of pests this year, but they all hide out when it gets real cold, so farmers are wanting a blizzard.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf.

FIRE QUEEN VOTES FREE!

Following merchants give 10 votes FREE with every dollar cash purchase and more in proportion:

Richter's One Price Store
I. Alexander
Eduardo Cruz & Bro.
Laredo Novelty Co.
City Drug Store
A. Deutz & Brother
Moser's Store
Goodman's Shoe Store

Demand votes with purchases and thereby help the fireboys. Contest closes Feb. 14—deposit your votes in ballot boxes at several of the stores.

2 IN 1 SHOE POLISHES

Contain no acid and thus keep the leather soft, protecting it against cracking. They combine liquid and paste in a paste form and require only half the effort for a brilliant lasting shine. Easy to use for all the family—children and adults. Shine your shoes at home and keep them neat.

THE F. F. DALLEY CO., Ltd.
Buffalo, N. Y.
BLACK-WHITE-TAN 10¢ KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT

HINDENBURG'S COUSIN IS AMERICAN FARMER.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 28.—In a little room back of a lunch-room at Wanda, Redwood County, Minnesota, there sits each day a rugged old man who follows the European War as closely perhaps as any person in America. He wears a grizzled beard, his brow is whitened by his seventy years, and his features bear a striking resemblance to one of the Teutonic heroes of the war. This man is Friedrich Benz, who is, according to the Minneapolis Journal, a cousin of the famous von Hindenburg, the German field marshal who has accomplished several of the greatest campaigns of the war.

The grizzled Minnesota farmer fought with the Prussians back in '70, and he has medals to show for his gallantry at Metz and at Paris. After doing duty for his country, he migrated to America. His cousin, von Hindenburg, had chosen an army career, while Benz chose that of a tiller of the soil. Both men have fought a hard battle with the world, and the heavy lines under the eyes mark both the fighters. One forced his way doggedly to the highest honors his Kaiser can give, and the other struggled with nature, somewhat reluctant at times, and forced it to bless him his children and grand-children with a competence.

"Paul, he knows his business," says Friedrich Benz, with the justifiable pride of a cousin. "He has been a soldier always, and he knew the lakes. How could a Russ hope to beat him?"

When the war broke out a year ago last summer, the Minnesota veteran went to Minneapolis and tried to arrange for his passage back to his old home in Germany. He could not fight, for he was too old, but the fires of patriotism were stirred within him, and he knew there was something he could do back there to help. But fate was against him. Germany needed not old men, but the young.

The resemblance between Friedrich Benz and Marshal Von Hindenburg on top, striking. The nose of the Minnesota man is broad at the base, rounding on top, and tending to be bulbous. It is identical with that of the German leader. When his eyes fire up with martial ardor and the brows bend to a straight line, the face is nearly a duplicate. The big moustache of von Hindenburg has its counterpart on the face of Friedrich Benz. The Minnesotan, with his hair cut in the square, standing Hindenburg fashion, might fool the guards of the field marshal.

It is through the mother of John Benz, father of the aged Minnesotan that the relationship lies. She was Elizabeth La Mollie before her marriage to the grand-father of Friedrich. Although a Prussian woman, she had French blood in her ancestry, as her name shows. It was her sister who married a Hindenburg and because the grand-mother of the present field marshal, whose complete official

name is Paul von Benckendorf and von Hindenburg. The two families lived within visiting distance. The next generation saw less of each other. Anyway, Friedrich was two years older than Paul and gave scant attention to one so young and unknown. Friedrich remembers the day when news came that Paul, who was in the army, was wounded, and the family rejoiced at the news that his injury was not serious and that he would soon recover.

Friedrich Benz's service is a story in itself. His mechanical abilities gave him a place in the artillery in the sweep through France. His battery stopped at Metz to hurl a few rounds at the French troops beleaguered there. Then on to Gravelotte, Sedan and the other great victories he was swept, finally reaching Paris.

"It was bad, yes, most bad at Paris," he tells one. "It was mud everywhere and fighting always. No rest, no wait, no quiet. All day we fired shells at them, and all night we fired shells. I wonder how they ever stood it in Paris so long as they did."

Benz came to America soon after the Franco-Prussian War, and settled in Illinois first. Two years later he went to Wisconsin, and found the farming better there. In 1893 he bought a farm in Granite Rock township, in Redwood county, Minnesota, where, until a few years ago, he lived a vigorous farming life. Then he retired and moved to Wanda, where he lives with his son.

Fatal Wheat Sales.

If Napoleon, says the London Chronicle, had been as good an economist as he was a soldier he might have succeeded in forcing us to surrender during that critical period, 1810-12, when the "continental system" was strictly enforced and our own harvests failed us. With starvation staring us in the face Napoleon, hoping to drain us of gold, actually permitted us to buy continental wheat—at about £7 10s a quarter. In the circumstances the precious grain would have been cheap at any price, as Napoleon afterwards found out to his cost.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.
Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.
Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 1 and arrives at 1:50 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.
Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 2:30 p. m.

PERSONALS

F. E. Whittaker of Reiser, is a visitor in the city.

A. E. Gates arrived in the city yesterday on a short business visit.

Roy Campbell of San Antonio is in the city for a short visit.

Aug. C. Richter left last night for New York to purchase goods for his big department store.

Mr. C. A. Brawner of Dallas, traveling passenger agent of the Big Four railroad, was in the city yesterday on business.

HAMILTON:—L. H. Dellensilk, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. A. Osterveen, Tampico; E. R. Lewis, W. E. Bivens, San Antonio; A. E. Gates, Bruni; L. T. Harned, Zapata; Carl Stdr, San Antonio; J. Godinet, San Antonio; A. Elizondo, El Paso; A. Frey, Monterey.

BENDER:—Bulck Thompson, L. L. Webb, Leslie Payne, San Antonio; S. E. Leonard and family, Houston; Fernando Mendirichaga, E. M. Lewis, San Antonio; D. S. Williams, Mexico; A. E. Fitkin, M. B. Webster, S. M. Carwotan, S. O. Baker, L. Reuter, New York; W. P. Gribble, San Antonio; L. E. Garrett, El Paso; E. E. Bletter, Memphis, Tenn.; E. A. Sluder, Houston; S. D. Thornburg, Auenhor, Ky.; F. E. Whittaker, Reiser; J. Fisher, San Antonio; S. B. Davis, Corpus Christi; R. M. Raymonds, El Paso; A. McMahon, Dallas; A. R. Dald, O. Harris; M. Riverol, R. L. Guajardo, San Antonio.

SURE HE KNEW.

On one of the recent stormy nights a man was hastening home with his overcoat buttoned up to his neck. He was rather anxious to know what time it was, but he was too lazy to unbutton his coat in order to get at his watch.

Just then he saw a man of well-dressed appearance coming in the distance, and remarked to himself, "I'll ask this gentleman the hour of the night, and so save myself the trouble of unbuttoning my coat."

He perceived that the stranger was buttoned up just as he was. When he came up, the man who wanted to know the time touched his hat lightly and said:

"Sir, do you know what time it is?"

The stranger paused, removed his right glove, unbuttoned his coat from top to bottom, unbuttoned his undercoat, and finally pulled out his watch, while the cold wind beat against his unprotected chest.

Holding up the watch so that the light would shine upon it, he scrutinized it an instant and said:

"Yes."

Then he passed on without another word.—Exchange.

A CERTAIN CURE.

So many accidents had happened in the mines that a number of miners determined to join the local ambulance class. When any of their mates happened to cut his finger or sprain a wrist, there was a general rush for the wounded man by the ambulance corps, and by the time they had finished with him he usually looked like a cross between an Egyptian mummy and an out-painted at a hospital.

All this, of course, was valuable practice, and after many months of hard work in the class an examination was held.

"Suppose one of your mates should be badly frost-bitten, how would you treat the case?" asked the examiner.

"Why, rub him with a man who's 'ad a touch of sunstroke!" said knowing George. "That 'ud bring him around quick enough."—Liverpool Mercury.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeld
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. will meet at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Bishop Johnston Junior Auxilliary will meet at the rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Laredo Choral Club will meet with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Complimentary return hop by the young men of the Latin American Club in the club rooms in the evening.

The Entre Nous Club will be entertained by Miss Maud Mussett at fifteen minutes after four o'clock.

Saturday.

Rehearsal at the Royal Theatre at nine o'clock in the morning of the Laredo Choral Club.

Miss Elizabeth Merriman entertains at bridge at three o'clock in the afternoon, complimenting Miss Bess Goldman of Austin.

To Sleigh-riding Romeos.

When you've tucked the dainty creature

Snugly in the robes of fur,
Spring that speech you wish to feature.

If you would be sure of her;
For there's nothing like the sleigh-bells

And the moonlight on the snow
To convince your Pearls and May-belles

That you are a steady beau.

When her eyes begin to filter,
And her nose gets good and red,
And her heart seems out of kilter

After all that you have said,
Then just trust the reins to Cupid—
He's been driving all his life!

And hold both her hands, you stupid!
That's the way I won my wife!

—Frank M. Williams.

General Mention.

Mrs. J. W. Mussett, who is visiting in Corpus Christi, will not return until Friday of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Yesnes returned to their home in Dallas today after spending the past few months in Laredo with their daughter, Mrs. Alphonse Wormser.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murray of Cotulla.

Mrs. Charles Zilker is entertaining at bridge today for Mrs. A. C. Hamilton, who is her house guest in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barthelow returned to Laredo yesterday from their honeymoon to North Texas and are now at home to their friends at the Barthelow home on Convent Avenue.

Entertainments.

The members of the Married Ladies Social Club and a number of guests were charmingly entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. W. Brewster. The rooms were fragrant with cut flowers and pot plants added much to the attractiveness of the whole. After a series of games a delicious two course luncheon was served. The club prize was awarded Mrs. L. J. Christen, and was an exquisite lunch cloth and six napkins with crocheted edge.

Mrs. Hal Irby Greer was given the guest prize, a hand-embroidered lunch cloth. Mrs. Ryan of Fort McIntosh was given the low score prize, two hand-made handkerchiefs with tatted edges. The following held highest score at each table and were given a hand-made handkerchief with tatted edges: Mesdames M. T. Cogley, H. G. DaCamara, Robt. McComb, H. Stow Garlick, G. C. Woodman and Miss Goldman. Those present were: Club members—Mesdames T. A. Austin, M. T. Cogley, J. H. Davis, C. M. Fish, H. Stow Garlick, Charles Deutz, Ernest Aldridge, G. C. Woodman, Agnes Huberich, W. N. Young, L. J. Christen, E. F. Wager; Guests—Mesdames Hal Greer, H. Irby Greer, Frank Higgins, E. H. Buentz, H. G. DaCamara, E. J. Wiggins, Robert McComb, Elmer Anderson, Ryan of Fort McIntosh, Murray of Cotulla, G. C. Hiatt, and Miss Bess Goldman. Mrs. Brewster was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. M. E. Pinder, Mrs. E. B. Brewster and Mrs. R. L. Puster.

The Ladies Card Club of Fort McIntosh was pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Rucker and Mrs. Weaver at the Ninth Infantry Club. Mrs. Morris held high score for the afternoon, and Mrs. J. T. Harris held second; the consolation was

MAY EXPOSE WHITE SLAVE BLACKMAIL.

New York, Jan. 28.—The white slave blackmail, the latest thriller for New Yorkers, may be brought out from the dark closets of many New York families today. For many months past, wealthy men and women have been blackmailed unmercifully, according to the federal officials, and the government attorneys will try to produce these rich New Yorkers in court today to prosecute the alleged leader of the "white blackmail" gang.

Don Collins, or Robert A. Tourbillon, as he prefers to be called, was recently brought before U. S. Commissioner Houghton, and he is held under \$50,000 bail to face the government's accusation today of being the "head and shoulders of the worst gang of blackmailers in the country." The formal charge is conspiracy to obtain money by fraud and extortion, his accomplice being, according to the government officials, William Butler, who was caught in the federal net in Philadelphia a few weeks ago.

Several wealthy New Yorkers gave information to the Department of Justice that they have paid thousands of dollars in "hush money" under threats of arrest under the Mann White Slave act for traveling with women across state lines. Philadelphia also furnished similar information and Collins was arrested.

The assurance of the government officials that the complainants are all eminently respectable men has led to speculation as to whether these wealthy New Yorkers and Philadelphians will appear today to identify the leader of the "gang" and tell the circumstances under which they were mulcted. Some very interesting testimony is bound to come out, if the complainants appear. It is known that several of those who furnished the original information are not willing to expose their names to the unkind remarks and stigma of a white slave case.

Asst. District Attorney John C. Knox has threatened to force these victims to testify by serving subpoenas upon them.

The expose of the "white slave blackmail" was begun recently in Philadelphia, when Mrs. Susan G. Wimpenny, a highly respected society woman, identified Butler, the alleged accomplice of Collins, as one of three men who called upon her last year and demanded \$8,000 under threat of arresting her son a charge of white slavery. In the face of much unenviable notoriety, Mrs. Wimpenny aided the government detectives and told the full story of the attempt to blackmail her. It is said by the secret service men that fully \$200,000 has been mulcted from prominent people, but none of them would go so far as the Philadelphia woman.

According to Mrs. Wimpenny, Butler and two other men called at her summer home last June. They said had followed her son, Marshall Wimpenny, and a young woman to Wildwood, N. J., and had records of the times the young man and young woman were there. They asked for \$8,000 to "fix the chief." She pleaded she did not have the money available, and they agreed to accept \$5,000, saying it would be hard to satisfy the "chief" with that small amount. They showed warrants and badges, which have been proven to be imitations.

Mrs. Wimpenny testified she finally put the men off, saying that she would consult her son and that, if he desired her to pay the money to keep him out of trouble, she would do so. She reported the case to the federal authorities, but the men learned of what was going on and failed to return for the "bundle."

According to the federal authorities, three or four pretty young women were associated with the gang. They created evidence against susceptible wealthy men, and also against physicians who were blackmailed under threats of malpractice prosecutions.

SAME THING IN EFFECT.

First Patient—What would you advise me to do, doctor?
Family Physician—Either go South for the winter, or else put on more clothes.—Judge.

cut by Mrs. Loeb, an exquisite drawn work handkerchief presented to the club by Mrs. Mulliken. An ice course was served to the following club members and guests: Mesdames Brown, Rucker, Sirmeyer, Reed, Gallagher, Weaver, Drain, Clements, Loeb, Morris, Moore, Meador, Smith, Stacy, Kinney, Harris, Gray; Misses Alice Gray, Edna Brown and Mary Sames.

The following invitations have been received in town:

Captain and Mrs. Ola Walter Bell
At Home,
Sunday, February the sixth
from five to seven
to meet
General and Mrs. Evans and
Colonel and Mrs. Brown.

SYMPATHETIC.

A recruit of the Highland Light Infantry, stationed at Malta, who spoke with a very broad accent, was sent by his color sergeant to buy a notebook. Not knowing where to find a stationer's shop, he accosted a Maltese, who couldn't speak English, as follows:
"Hey, man, can ye tell's whaur to find a beukseller's shop?"
"Me no speakee Engleesh."
"Weel, weel, my mon," returned the recruit, "ye're nae the only one; I canna mak' muckle o't mysel'!"—Tit-Bits.

QUALIFIED.

Tommy, with a determined look on his face, marched into the parlor and up to his pretty sister's ardent suitor. "What's them?" he remanded, thrusting out a grimy hand full of small white objects.
"Beans," promptly replied the youngman, with an ingratiating smile. "He does know 'em, maw," bawled Tommy triumphantly to the adjoining room. "You said he didn't."—Puck.

THE INCENTIVE.

British Foreman Compositor—Three more of my men have enlisted this morning.

Editor—Ah! A wave of patriotism, I suppose?

Foreman Compositor—Well, perhaps that's the way to put it, but they say they would rather be shot than set any more of your copy.—Passing Show.

CLEVER IDEA.

An old lady on board a vessel observed two sailors pumping up water to wash the deck and, the captain being near, she accosted him as follows:

"Well, captain, so you've got a well aboard, eh?"

"Yes, ma'am; always carry one," said the polite captain.

"Well, that's clever. It's so much better than the nasty sea water, which I always dislike so."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

LIKE COURTING A JUNK DEALER.

"She wears too much jewelry."

"Think so?"

"I do. No fun to hold a hand like that. You can get the same sensation by holding a handful of curtain rings and a wrist watch."—Kansas City Journal.

WEAR AND TEAR.

Jim enjoys the distinction of living near to the only saloon in a Southern town. He also enjoys the distinction of being without an index finger to his right hand.

Came one day a stranger and asked of Jim the usual question—where was the place of refreshment? Jim pointed to it.

"Who cut dat finger off foh you?" asked the stranger. Jim looked him up and down.

"Dey ain' no one cut dat off," he said. "Ah's done wo' it off pintl' out dat saloon to pussions jes sech as yo-self."—New York Evening Post.

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Keep child dry, clothe comfortable, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Drug-gists.

CAUSE OF SLEEP UNKNOWN

Various Explanations, but None of Them May Be Set Down as Absolutely True.

Curious and remarkable are the reasons assigned for the desire to sleep. It is attributed by some scientists to an accumulation in the system of the poisonous products of the wear and tear of the body during the day. Sleep is the period when the nerve cells of the brain dwell apart from each other, as it were. The brain is composed of millions of tiny bodies, called cells, each having several delicate branches, for the purpose of communicating with other cells.

When the brain is fully active, all these cells are in contact, or ready to be in contact, with one another, but the time occasionally comes, it is thought, when the branches of all the cells curl up, and their isolation means that complete communication between the cells ceases. The state of body and mind that follows is what we call sleep. The most probable explanation of sleep, however, is that in some way or other the internal condition of the cells is changed partly from exhaustion and partly because of diminished stimulation from other parts of the body.

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For Sale:—Automobile in good condition; cheap. Apply "M" Times office. 1-26-6t.

For Sale:—Have several horses more than we need. Will sell cheap. Come and get your pick. Laredo Transfer Co., Phone 864. 1-27-6t.

For Sale:—Jersey cow four years old, \$65. 1114 Santa Rita Avenue. 1-28-4t.

For Sale:—Remington No. 10 typewriter; almost new for \$65. Apply "M" this office. 1-28-6t.

THE SAME METHOD.

Gus Miller, a traveling man paused to watch a small colored youth who stood on one foot, inclined his woolly head far to one side, and pounded vigorously on his skull with the palm of his right hand.

"Hello, kid!" grinned the drummer, whose memory was carried back to his own boyhood days by the familiar action. "What are you doing?" "Got watch in mah ear," announced the boy.

"Oh-ho!" laughed the drummer. "I know just how that is. I often ~~hup~~ felt like that after being in swimming."

"Swimmin' nuffin!" the youth exclaimed, disdainfully. "Ah been eatin' watahmilyun."—Exchange.

UNNECESSARY DELAY.

The case had been dragging for nearly an hour, which was twice as long as it should have lasted in this court. A sub-brown "cracker" from Decatur had been arrested on a trivial charge, but the two officers on the case could not agree as to whether the defendant had been caught drinking moonshine or not.

Suddenly the prisoner raised his hand, and motioned to Judge Broyles. "What have you to say, Peter Cooper?" the judge inquired.

"I were just thinkin' it sho' would he'p matters, jedge, ef yo' all would make up yo' mind one way er t'other. Ef hit's 'guilty,' then I wanten begin sarvin'; ef hit's 'inncent,' I'd like to go out and finish that Christmas spree I done started."—Case and Comment.

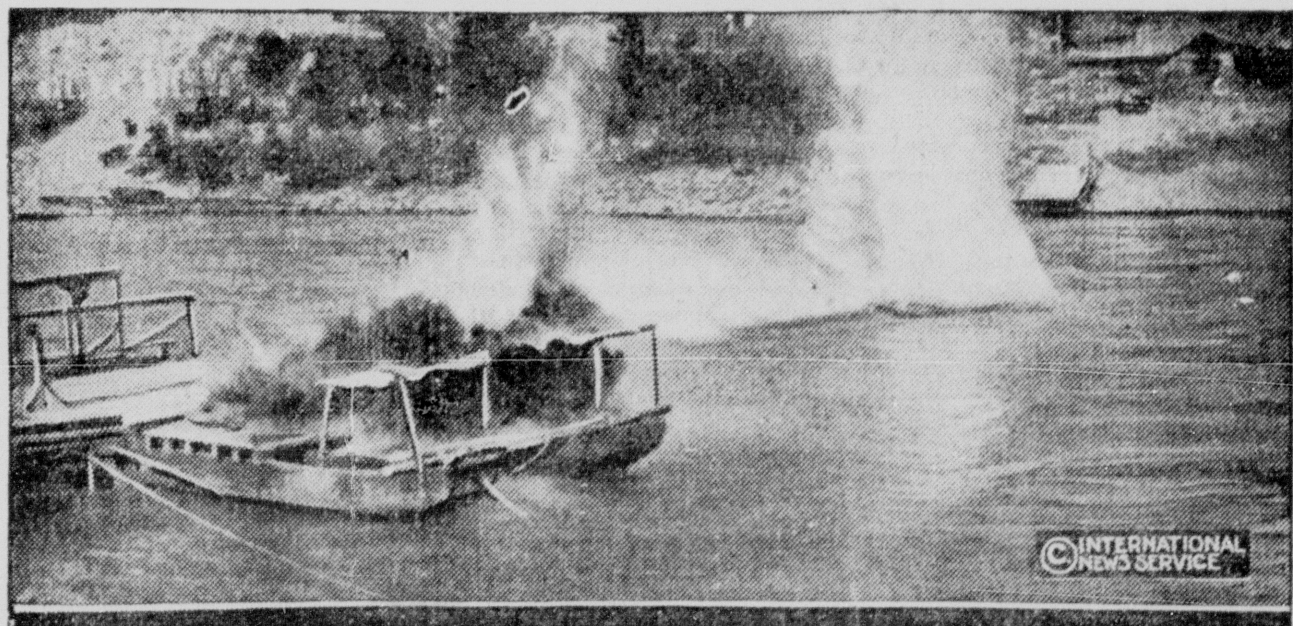
MADE SOME ONE HAPPY.

Here is the latest tale from the front. An Irish sergeant was sent down to the base in charge of ten prisoners. On arrival, there it was noticed that the batch only totaled nine. Asked for an explanation, the man in charge said:

"Shure, he told me a tale of having a wife and five children in Germany (and meself's fixed the same with the missis and gang in Ireland), and he broke his heart crying, and so did I. We were very downhearted at the time, and to make one of us happy, sure, I just shot the blighter."—Liverpool Mercury.

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Photograph taken just as Italian gunners got the range and succeeded in blowing up a pontoon bridge constructed by the Austrians across the Adige river.

From Saturday's Daily.

THE BORDER HIGHWAY.

Now that the agitation for the Border Highway has again started, there is some prospect that the movement will go forward instead of retrogressing. But so far as we know, the survey for which congress appropriated \$25,000 has never begun, and without that survey as a basis of estimates nothing definite can be done.

A recent statement that Laredo was losing her down-the-river trade to Hebbronville proves to be without foundation, as the Laredo trade is constantly on the increase. But there is no doubt that Laredo's trade to lower river points would be greatly increased were there good transportation facilities.

There has been too much harping on the commercial advantages that Laredo would derive from the Border Highway. It is true that our trade would greatly increase were the highway to be built, but that would not be due solely to better facilities for carrying our goods to our present customers.

The real advantage of the Border Highway from a commercial standpoint is that the wild country would be settled, which would make a greater trade, not only for Laredo but for San Antonio and other cities in Southwest Texas.

A continual repetition of the supposed benefits which Laredo would derive from the Border Highway would lead people from all over the country to believe that we are not actuated by a desire for the good of Texas and of the country at large, whereas we do not believe there is a single business man in this section who does not realize that Laredo would be only one of the many cities which would benefit from the construction of the proposed highway.

That the highway will eventually be constructed no one doubts. But until it is built there will be no security along certain stretches of the border, which will be at the mercy of raiding bands who can get away from any possible pursuit under existing conditions.

The Border Highway will serve many purposes besides furnishing a means of transportation for Laredo goods to Rio Grande City. The latter is only an incidental benefit which we shall derive from the construction of the highway, and naturally we like to think of benefits to come.

But we shall gain much more than easy carriage for our goods when the highway is built. We shall have the trade of many thousands of new settlers who will make the waste country to blossom like the rose; we shall have neighbors where now the coyote and the jack rabbit are the sole inhabitants; we shall be able to do our part in cutting down the high cost of living for many thousands all over the country.

And, best of all, we shall see a country that has been lying waste for years so protected through the means of rapid transport for our soldiers that it will be as safe as any city in our country.

There are manifold advantages to be obtained by the construction of the proposed Border Highway. They are not merely local advantages, but they will affect the well-being of people who never reached the borders of Texas. They will include the upholding of the honor of our flag along the Mexican border, as well as affording peace and security to those who are conquering the wilderness.

The Border Highway will aid our immigration service in keeping out undesirables; it will aid the customs service in patrolling the border and keeping out contraband, as well as in collecting duties which it is feared never reach our treasury because of the cleverness of the smugglers.

It will save great expense and many sleepless nights to our war department through the facilitation of the transportation of men and supplies to needed points along the border.

It will increase land values and will insure investments in a section where land is now worth but little more than the cost of the deeds which transfer the ownership. It is needed and it will come.

MISUSING THE MAILS.

Our latest protest arising from the European war is that to the British government against interference with our mail service abroad, and so far it has not met with the consideration which our government believes is its due, hence our ambassador to St. James has been asked to "impress upon Sir Edward Grey the necessity for prompt action in this matter."

Great Britain has promised "before long" to state the result of a consultation that is going on between that country and her allies with respect to the policy to be pursued, and it is to be hoped that the result will be all that is desired by our administration.

Now that congress is in session a violent protest may be expected from

senators and representatives if these matters do not meet with more rapid consideration than has been the case with our former diplomatic correspondence concerning the problems arising from the war.

There appears to be no intention of "forcing the hand" of the administration, but there seems to be a general opinion that various matters have been unduly dragged out, not by our country, but by the countries who were responsible for acts which were resented by our country.

The statement is made that diplomatic and consular pouches have been treated in a manner that our administration considers "vexatiously inquisitorial." In other words, the words, the Entente allies, particularly the British, have been poking their noses into our business without warrant.

Some of the mails which have been opened and improperly handled, if not confiscated, were sealed packages, from neutral nations to neutral nations, and were carried on ships that merely touched at British ports, the mail not at any time being under the jurisdiction of the British authorities.

The complaint that was made by the British that the Germans in this country were sending contraband by parcels post to Germany does not seem to cover the case, according to our administration. And even should it come within the category of shipping contraband, our postage stamps should protect anything that carries them.

The latest American note is plain, and would seem to admit of no reasonable contention on the part of the British authorities. It says:

"The department cannot admit the right of British authorities to seize neutral vessels plying directly between American and neutral European ports without touching at British ports to bring them into port and while there to remove or censor mails carried by them. Modern practice generally recognizes that mails are not to be censored, confiscated or destroyed on the high seas, even when carried by belligerent mail ships. To attain the same end by bringing such mail ships within British jurisdiction for purposes of search and then subjecting them to local regulations allowing censorship of mails cannot be justified on the ground of national jurisdiction."

In past ages warfare was carried on much the same as piracy in later days. Anything that offered an advantage to a belligerent was considered justifiable, until evolution brought about the laws which are recognized by all civilized nations as governing warfare.

The rights of neutrals have been violated by first one side and then the other during the present war, until it would seem that the only way to secure a proper recognition of the rights of the neutrals would be to declare hostilities against the offending nations.

Even granting that the German submarine warfare has been a direct violation of civilized rules of warfare, is that any justification of the British violation of such rules?

We have suffered the death of hundreds of American citizens, the question of reparation for their killing being in abeyance. But even though Germany has not yet acceded to our demands for reparation, Great Britain must not take our moderation as evidence that we are too cowardly to demand our rights from any other nation. And we believe that England will soon come to recognize the justice of our demands.

President Wilson says: "There is something American people love better than peace. They love the principles upon which their political life is founded, and they are ready at any time to fight for the vindication of their character and honor." This does not sound like "peace at any price."

The British up to date have lost a little over half a million men. This will be news to those who have contended that the British army so far has not numbered half a million.

European belligerents are to be asked to square their warfare with principles of humanity and international law, including the elimination of all armament from merchant vessels. What a chance for a submarine commander who had not yet received his government's latest orders!

Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of Malta Commandery No. 32, Knights Templar the following officers were elected: F. A. Lattig, Commander; A. W. Wilcox, Generalissimo; John Coleman, Captain General; Con Mims, Senior Warden; Jno. L. Dannelley, Junior Warden; Rev. Chas. W. Cook, Prelate; Fred Werner, Treasurer; W. H. Mims, Recorder.

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DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS EXISTING IN MEXICO CITY

AMERICAN FROM THERE REPORTS 40,000 CASES TYPHUS

Mortality Reported Heavy and Tramway Cars, With Bodies Piled Several Deep Carry Dead to Graves.

"A most deplorable condition of affairs exists in Mexico City," said an American business man of that place who arrived in Laredo yesterday. "Conditions at this time," he continued, "could not be more grave as a result of the existence of the typhus epidemic that has a grasp on the Mexican capital. The mortality is something terrible and hundreds and thousands of people are succumbing daily to this most fatal disease. Besides that, there are other diseases prevalent there to supplement the horror of the conditions caused by typhus."

After recalling to mind some things that have transpired there in the unscientific and unsystematic fight being made by the Mexico City medical fraternity on the disease, the American said. "There are now possibly 40,000 cases or more of typhus in Mexico City. The death rate is very heavy, so much so that the old tramway cars have been pressed into service as hearses and are kept going night and day from the morgues and homes piled several deep with dead bodies. Some days the death rate goes into the hundreds, while on other days the mortality list exceeds a thousand. It is something terrible."

It was stated that the Mexico City medical force which is engaged in combatting the typhus epidemic are pursuing methods that are strictly alien to modern medical men. When the disease was at first restricted to a certain portion of the city they had an opportunity of keeping it confined to that quarter. Instead, they paid no heed to the matter. Then, instead of conducting a strong clean-up campaign and making it compulsory for people to put their homes and premises in good sanitary order, they neglected this precautionary measure and now they have a spread of the terrible typhus that it is almost impossible for anything but the supreme being to combat and overcome.

The American who was telling of the typhus condition in the Mexican capital also stated that during the past ten days up to the time he left about six days ago at least eight Americans had died there of the dreaded disease.

WAS WELL KNOWN IN LAREDO

Dr. C. W. Westmoreland, Formerly a Physician of This City, Died at His Old Home in Columbus, Miss.

News was received by mail today by friends announcing the death in Columbus, Miss., on January 15, of Dr. Charles W. Westmoreland, a professional man who was well and favorably known in Laredo, where during his residence of several years he established a reputation as a physician and surgeon and endeared himself to numerous friends and acquaintances.

During the time the Spanish-American war was on Dr. Westmoreland, then a young man and a member of the medical corps of the volunteer army, came to Laredo and resigned his commission to take a position as surgeon of the National Railways of Mexico and also did a general practice in Laredo for three years. In 1901 Dr. Westmoreland went to Mexico City, having been transferred there as a result of an exchange with another medic, and remained with the National Lines of Mexico up to the time the revolution was at its height about 1911 when he and his wife and child left Mexico and went to Columbus, Miss., where they remained. Dr. Westmoreland's death was due to a complication of ailments.

Dr. Westmoreland was a man possessed of many sterling qualities and those traits of character that won him friends wherever he went, will be much missed by those near and dear to him. He was a native of Columbus, Miss., and married Miss Fannie Billups, daughter of General J. S. Billups of Columbus, and who survives him, together with his aged mother, Mrs. Ella Westmoreland.

Scale of Prices.

The following prices will prevail for the Choral Club Cantata at the Royal Theatre, February 11, 1916: Boxes of four, \$3.00; reserved seats, 60c; general admission, 50c.

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THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED FOR A. BERTANI BUILDING

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Contractors Erecting Laredo National Bank Are Successful Bidders; Work to Begin in Ten Days.

Yesterday afternoon the bids for the construction of the proposed two-story brick building which Andres Bertani will erect on his lots on Hidalgo street on the corner of Convent Avenue were opened. There were about six bids for the work and they were in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by M. S. Ryan, a Laredo architect. The figures of the bidders were not given out, but the lowest bid offered was that of J. V. Jambers & Co., the contractors who are erecting the handsome Laredo National Bank building. This morning announcement was made that the contract for the building of the Bertani building had been finally awarded to Jambers & Co., and that work of construction would begin within the next ten days or two weeks.

The Bertani block is to be a handsome and modern building in every particular and equipped with all conveniences. The dimensions of the structure will be 107x107, two stories in height, set with gray face brick and have a plate glass front. The lower floor will consist of two large store-rooms, divided by a wide stairway hall. On the upper floor there will be about twenty modern office rooms, and all of these will be provided with every modern comfort and convenience.

The construction of this building will eradicate the last vestige of a vacancy in the block caused by a disastrous fire in January, 1914. Up to that time there were a number of shacks and corrugated iron buildings in the block on Hidalgo street between Convent and Flores Avenues, together with one old brick building that was destroyed. When the Bertani building is finished that block will be one of the best in the city, with the Bertani two-story, the Siros store building and the handsome Valls building. Only the old building on the corner of Hidalgo and Flores remains to mar the handsome appearance of that quarter.

WAS CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Miguel Hinojosa, Claiming to Be from Corpus Christi, Said to Have Touched Tilt and Took Gun.

Yesterday afternoon the police department, on complaint made by the proprietor of the Richellen Cafe, took into custody a man living his name as Miguel Hinojosa, and claiming to come from Corpus Christi.

Hinojosa had arrived here a few days ago and met a friend employed at the Richellen and, being in an imbecilic condition, applied to this friend for assistance. Naturally he acceded him what aid possible and provided him with the necessary things to keep body and soul together. But Hinojosa eventually became obsessed of a desire for coin, so yesterday, it is alleged he "touched" the till of the cafe cash register and extracted therefrom about \$14. While making this surreptitious appropriation he found a 45-caliber pistol, so he "cropped" the gun, too. The owner of the gun, a Mr. Criswell from Brownsville, came after his gun and found it gone, but later discovered Hinojosa had taken it. Then the robbery of the cash register was discovered. Criswell reported the matter to City Marshal Brennan and within a short time Hinojosa was in the toils. He is in jail pending an examining trial on a charge of theft.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Rehearsal at the Royal Theatre at nine o'clock in the morning of the Laredo Choral Club.

Miss Elizabeth Merriman entertains at bridge at three o'clock in the afternoon, commencing Miss Bess Goldman of Austin.

Sunday.

B. Y. P. U. Sr. will meet at the Baptist church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

Christian Endeavor Society will meet at the Christian church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League will hold its regular meeting at the Methodist church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

Monday.

The Tournament Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. John Tucker Halsell at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mesdames Clotilde Withoff and Sam Withoff will entertain at bridge at half after three o'clock in the afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. Withoff, 1302 Victoria street.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Address all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times or phone No. 70 between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 2 to 7 p. m.

Saying of Omar Ibn al Halif.

Four things come not back: The spoken word, The sped arrow, Time past, The neglected opportunity.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Blume, after a short stay in Laredo, left yesterday for their home in Tampico, Mexico. They were accompanied by Mr. Niemann, also of Tampico.

Richard Johnson of Isitas came in yesterday to be the week-end guest of Horace and Beverly Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gunn and children expect to motor to Carrizo Springs on Sunday to visit Mr. Quinn's sister, Mrs. H. G. Sanders, returning the latter part of next week.

General James Parker will arrive on Monday for his annual inspection of the Fourteenth Cavalry and will be the guest of Col. and Mrs. R. A. Brown while in Laredo.

Mrs. R. A. Brown of Fort McIntosh will have as her guest Miss Dorothy Smith of St. Joseph, Missouri, the charming daughter of Col. A. L. Smith. Miss Smith will arrive about February 4th and will remain several weeks.

Miss Annie Jefferies and Mrs. A. W. Schmitt are spending the week-end with their mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies.

Mrs. A. C. Richter left yesterday for San Antonio for a several days' visit.

Mrs. E. J. Wiggins, accompanied by her son and daughter, expect to return to Monterey tomorrow morning, after a week's stay in Laredo.

Rose Cabaret.

The following reservations for tables, made the first day they were put on sale, indicates the interest being felt in the coming Rose Cabaret. Reserving tables are: Col. R. A. Brown, Brig. Gen. R. K. Evans, Lieut. Galbreath, Lieut. Hornsby Evans, Mr. L. J. Christen, Dr. John T. Halsell, Mr. Alphonse Wormser. The small sum charged for reservations in addition to the very nominal admission fee is gladly given for the assurance of a comfortable and advantageous seat for the entire evening. An evening of "pure delight" is promised. The famous Ninth Infantry Band is attraction enough in itself, add to this beautiful waitresses and flower girls, delicious "eats," and the attractive numbers on the program and you have a sum total of enjoyment well worth making an effort to secure. Following are some of the famous personages secured from the Bad-jestic circuit for the Rose Cabaret: "Little Georgia" and "Cute Cuddles"

in a singing and dancing act. Nat Goodwin, De Wolf Hopper and Raymond Hitchcock in matrimonial reminiscences. Kitty Gordon, Joe Weber and Lew Fields, song and dance skirt. Fritzie Scheff and Girlies, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle and Harry Lauder in new imitations. Dancers from the Ruslin' Ballet.

Announcement.

Col. and Mrs. R. A. Brown of Fort McIntosh will be at home for General James Parker on Tuesday from five to seven o'clock in the evening.

Misses Edna Brown and Theodora Guillette are giving a luncheon for Miss Oberfeldt and her wedding party at one o'clock in the afternoon February fifth.

Club Notes.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. held their regular weekly meeting at the Baptist church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Abshear was the leader, and the subject of the lesson was "How to Give." The members present were: Beulah Putman, Lois Stoner, Elizabeth Woods, Margaret Claflin, Wallace Abshear, D. J. Putman, Dora Woods and Fred Thomas.

Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary of Christ church held its regular weekly meeting at the rectory with Mrs. Chas. W. Cook yesterday afternoon. There was very little accomplished owing to the non-attendance of several of the members. It is earnestly hoped that plans can be made for the next meeting so as to insure a full attendance.

The Entre Nous Club met with Miss Maud Mussett yesterday afternoon and several pleasant hours were enjoyed in conversation, music and embroidery. Delicious refreshments were served, consisting of chicken salad, potato chips, wafers, olives, coffee and fruit gelatine with cream. The personnel included: Misses Frances Woodul, Vera Sharkey, Vera Lang, Hazel Patrick and the hostess.

Entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lafon entertained with a dinner last evening, celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The table decorations were in white and green, the centerpiece being a tall and silver vase, filled with rosebuds and ferns. Silver candlesticks carrying white-shaded tapers, graced the corners of the table. The cards were handtinted violet designs, and the plate favors were bouquets of violets. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lafon, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lafon, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Vidaurri, Mrs. S. M. Benavides; Misses Sara Vidaurri and Eugenia Lafon; Messrs. Mariano Gonzalez, Andres Diego Sada, and Dudie Benavides, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Lafon were the recipients of many beautiful silver pieces from San Antonio and Laredo.

Miss Elizabeth Merriman, assisted Muller, are entertaining with bridge this afternoon at three o'clock, honoring Miss Bess Goldman of Austin. The guests are: Mesdames Hal Irby Greer, C. M. Fish, J. S. Penn, J. B. Morton, Roy, J. C. Martin, J. R. Moore, M. T. Cogley, C. D. Merriman; Misses Bess Goldman, Anita Yeager, Zara Mowry, Jennie Hale, Margaret Oberfeldt, Amar Penn, Jennie Devine, Lucille Murphy, Esther Hirsch, Faith Garney, Edna Brown, Maud Mussett, Elizabeth Mussett, Hazel Merriman and Gladys Merriman.

Review of Troops.

General R. K. Evans, Commanding the Garrison of Laredo, will give a review in compliment to General James Parker, U. S. Army, on the drill ground at Fort McIntosh, on Monday.

The following troops will be in line, Colonel C. J. Crane, 9th Infantry, Commanding:

Ninth Infantry, Captain James V. Heidt.

Headquarters 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, (Horse), Major Brooke Payne.

Battery E, 6th Field Artillery, Lieutenant A. T. Bishop.

Third Squadron, 14th Cavalry, Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Brown and Major Alonzo Gray.

A salute will be fired for General Parker at the beginning of the review, by Battery E, 6th Field Artillery.

At the close of the review the Ninth Infantry will be drilled in the Rifle Drill to Music.

The citizens of Laredo are invited to attend the review and drill.

R. K. EVANS.

OPEN BIG MOTOR BOAT SHOW.

New York, Jan. 29.—The annual Motor Boat Show opens today at the Grand Central Palace. Many builders and operators of motor craft are here, particularly to discuss the bills before Congress for regulation of motor boats, and the announcement that the administration favors a tax on gasoline and on engines.